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of the Town Officers

for the

Town of Belchertown

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ON THE COVER:

This lovely photograph of Lake Wallace at sunset was captured by Belchertown resident Sarah Madison.

Lake Wallace is adjacent to the recently constructed playing fields on the former Belchertown State School grounds.

Name	Office	Term Expires

2019 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2020
Linda Tsoumas	5/2020

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Nicole J. Dunham	5/2020
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2021
Mary Olberding	5/2022

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

(Town officially withdrew from HCOG)

William R. Barnett *(resigned 1/31/19)*	5/2019
Kyle Vincent	5/2019

Board of Assessors

Thomas A. Barry	5/2020
Donald L. Minney	5/2021
Raymond G. Goff	5/2022

Board of Health

Roger M. Bonsall *(resigned 12/31/2019)*	5/2021
Dana Burton	5/2020
Hope V.H. Guardenier	5/2020
Leeanne Connolly	5/2022
James F Potter	5/2022

Housing Authority

Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2020
Judith O'Kulsky	5/2021
Brian J. Rooney	5/2024
Marie Ciosek	5/2024
State Member – Vacant	

Moderator

Joseph D. Bernard	5/2020

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2020
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2022

Planning Board

Louis Faassen *(resigned 3/12/2019)*	5/2023
Michael A. Hofler	5/2020
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2021
Alice Knittel *(appt. 3/25/19; elected 5/20/19)*	5/2022
James J. Natle	5/2023
Justin Rosienski	5/2024

Name	Office	Term Expires

School Committee

Heidi G. Gutekenst	5/2020
Michael J. Knapp	5/2020
Ruby Bansal	5/2021
Joshua R. Wallace	5/2021
Diane O. Brown	5/2022

Board of Selectmen

Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2020
Gail Gramarossa	5/2021
Nicholas J. O'Connor	5/2021
Edward G. Boscher	5/2022
Jennifer D. Turner	5/2022

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	5/2021

2019 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Eric LeBeau	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Sandra Brougham, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/20
Louise Butler, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/20
Tammy Ryan, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/20
Lori Carver	6/30/20
Will Shattuck	6/30/20
Thomas Hastings	6/30/21
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/22
Tom Roberts	6/30/22

Animal Control Advisory Board

Brian Breveleri	6/30/20
Carol Kasabian	6/30/20
Audrey Safford	6/30/20
Chrystal Greenleaf	6/30/21
Paul Kopulos	6/30/21
Jim Luippold	6/30/22
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/22

Name	Office	Term Expires

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/20

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Wendy LeSage	4/30/20
Jessica LaBonte	4/30/20
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/20

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/20

BOAT

(Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together)

Captain Craig Bodamer *(Fire-Rescue Dept.)*	6/30/19
Kimberly Dion *(Medical Community)*	6/30/20
Phyllis Ducomb *(School Nurse Leader)*	6/30/20
Gail Gramarossa *(Selectman)*	6/30/20
Jason Krol *(School Resource Officer)*	6/30/20
Carrie Latulippe *(Public Health Nurse)*	6/30/20
Neil Lozier *(Police Department)*	6/30/20
Judy Metcalf *(Board of Health)*	6/30/20
Kevin Pacunas *(Police Department)*	6/30/20
Jill Panto	6/30/20

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/20

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc. (WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee

James Natle, At Large Mbr.	6/30/20
Michael Hofler, Planning Bd. Rep.	6/30/20
Nancy Delgado Bachmann, Housing Authority Rep.	6/30/21
Alexander Loss, Historical Commission Rep.	6/30/21
Linda Leduc, At Large Mbr.	6/30/21
Peg Louraine, At Large Mbr. *(resigned 10/7/19)*	6/30/22
Megan Manitsas, At Large Mbr.	6/30/22
Lindsey Peterson, At Large Mbr. *(appt 11-19-2019)*	6/30/22
David Lamb, Conservation Comm. Mbr. *(appt 9/23/2019)*	6/30/22
Steve Corbin, Parks & Rec. Mbr. *(appt 9/18/2019)*	6/30/22

Name	Office	Term Expires

Conservation Commission

Michael Cavatorta *(resigned as Full Mbr. 3/11/19)*	6/30/21
Eric Wojtowicz *(resigned 5/28/19)*	6/30/20
Douglas Beach *(appt. Assoc. Mbr. 3/11/19; appt. Full Mbr. 5/29/19)*	6/30/20
Mark Brownell, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/20
Katerina Korolov	6/30/20
Sabrina Moreau	6/30/20
Jon M. Clements	6/30/21
David M. Haines	6/30/21
David Lamb *(appt. Full Mbr. 5/28/19)*	6/30/21
Edward T. Knight	6/30/22
Heather McCann	6/30/22
Michael Cavatorta, Assoc. Mbr. *(3/11/19 appt. as Assoc. Mbr.)*	6/30/20

Council on Aging

Timothy Niejadlik *(resigned 6/24/19)*	6/30/22
Robert Farrington	6/30/20
Maura Guzik	6/30/20
Donna M. Bozoglos	6/30/21
Colleen DuroShea	6/30/21
Diane Plante	6/30/21
John Belding *(appt. 10/7/19)*	6/30/22
James Dowling	6/30/22

Belchertown Cultural Council

Jennifer Turner *(resigned 6/10/19)*	6/30/20
Matt Grillo *(resigned 1/28/19)*	6/30/21
Trista Hevey *(appt. 6/10/19)*	6/30/20
Gretchen Duhaime *(appt. 5/25/19)*	6/30/21
Jocelyn Walker	6/30/21
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/21
Nicole Carlson	6/30/22
Sarah Maroney *(appt. 6/10/19)*	6/30/22
Melissa Mann *(appt. 6/10/19)*	6/30/20
April Jasak-Bangs	6/30/20
Audrey Anderson	6/30/20

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham – Town Administrator
Lisa Banner – Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson – Planner
John Whelihan – Assessor

Name	Office	Term Expires

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Richard Kump – Real Estate Seat	6/30/20
Robert Rivard – Industrial Seat	6/30/21
Kirk Stephens – At Large Seat	6/30/21
Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/22
Jonathan Spiegel – At Large Seat	6/30/22
William A. Terry – Govt. Seat	6/30/22

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/20
Cindy Brown	6/30/20
Kevin Brown	6/30/20
Scott Brown	6/30/20
Carla Chaisson	6/30/20
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/20
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/20
Mark Nute	6/30/20
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/20

Family Center Committee

Debra Lebeau	6/31/20
Elizabeth Crosby	6/30/21
Katrina Staples	6/30/21
Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/22
Nicole Dunham	6/30/22

Finance Committee

Ronald E. Aponte	6/30/20
Michael Otto *(appt. 9/16/19)*	6/30/20
Melissa Hurst *(resigned)*	6/30/20
Laurie Shea	6/30/21
Lynne Raymer	6/30/22
Steven Rose	6/30/22

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Name	Office	Term Expires

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

(Town officially withdrew from HCOG)

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments:

Burial Agent & Assistant

Colleen Toothill-Berte	6/30/20
Theresa Rothwell - Assistant	6/30/20

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/20

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Scott Siege, MD	6/30/20

Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte	3/30/20

Historical Commission

Bruce Klockars	6/30/20
Alexander Loss	6/30/20
Kevin Lynn *(filled Les Squires seat)*	6/30/20
Jill Bierly	6/30/21
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/21
Angela Bergeron-Alexander *(appt. 10/7/19)*	6/30/22
Patrick Bierly	6/30/22

Historic District By-law Commission

Irene Mariettos – Real Estate Seat	6/30/20
Denise Smith – Historic Assoc. Seat	6/30/21
Jonathan Spiegel – At Large Mbr.	6/30/21
Thomas Stockton –Resident/ Property Owner Mbr	6/30/22

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/20

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/20
Chris Rice	6/30/20

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/20

Name	Office	Term Expires

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Charles Lydon, Jr.	6/30/20

Inspector of Wiring

Richard Rosazza	6/30/20
David Sedelow	6/30/20
Mitchell Staszko	6/30/20

Lakes Committee

LeeAnne Connolly *(Conservation Rep.)*	6/30/20
Jenicca Gallagher	6/30/20
Kathi Smith	6/30/21
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/22

Marijuana Host Agreement Task Force

(Created 6/25/18; Disband 6/24/19)

Daniel Beaudette *(Planning Brd. Rep)*	6/30/19
Gary Brougham *(Town Administrator)*	6/30/19
Gail Gramarossa *(Board of Selectmen Rep.)*	6/30/19
Linda Leduc *(At Large Mbr.)*	6/30/19
Dana Burton *(Board of Health Rep.)*	6/30/19
Christopher Pronovost *(Police Dept. Rep.)*	6/30/19
John Whelihan *(Assessors Rep.)*	6/30/19

Memorial Committee

Raymond Janke *(retired 12/31/19)*	6/30/20
Charly Lawrence	6/30/20
William Bowen	6/30/21
Edward T. Knight	6/30/21
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/22
Patrick S. Loftus *(appt. 2/11/19)*	6/30/22

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Donald Minney	6/30/20

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Tilo Schiffer	6/30/20
Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/21
William Vosburgh	6/30/21
Steve Corbin *(appt. 8/12/19)*	6/30/22
Chris Shea *(appt. 8/12/19)*	6/30/22

Parks, Beach & Recreation Director

Kyle Thibeault

Name	Office	Term Expires

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

Gary Brougham	Final Report
Steven Williams (DPW)	Final Report
Nick O'Connor (Selectman)	Final Report
Michael Knapp (School Cmte)	Final Report
Lori Allen (Family Center)	Final Report
Jill Bierly (Historical Comm)	Final Report
Jessica Langlois (COA)	Final Report
Kyle Thibeault (Director of Parks & Recreation)	Final Report

Personnel Board

Michael Otto *(resigned 9/16/19)*	6/30/20
Alyssa Mandeville *(appt. 10/10/19)*	6/30/20
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/21
Katharine Higgins Shea	6/30/21

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Elizabeth Pols *(appt. 8/12/19)*	6/30/20

Planning Board – Associate Member

Police Candidate Review Committee

(Disbanded 3/11/19)

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief Candidate Search Committee

(Disbanded 3/11/19)

Chris Mattocks	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Sean Gallagher	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
Jerry Grasso	Final Report
Steven Williams	Final Report
Thomas Ruscio	Final Report
Andrew DiNapoli	Final Report

Name	Office	Term Expires

Police Chief

Christopher Pronovost	

Police Department Lieutenant

Kevin Pacunas	6/30/20

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Michael Beaupre	6/30/20
Steven Henn	6/30/20
Bruce Jenks	6/30/20
Neil Lozier	6/30/20

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Valerie Austin	6/30/20
Jordyn Bradway	6/30/20
Adam Brougham	6/30/20
Jeremy Burns	6/30/20
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/20
Michael Jablonski *(appt. 6/12/19)*	6/30/20
Jason Krol	6/30/20
Jared LaValle	6/30/20
Andrew Letendre	6/30/20
Robert Mann	6/30/20
Christopher Mayo	6/30/20
Edward H. Oey	6/30/20
John Raymer	6/30/20
Michael Roney	6/30/20

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

Marissa Smith	6/30/19
Vincent Daponte	6/30/20
Hanna Hulse	6/30/20
Robert Ivey	6/30/20
Matthew Menard	6/30/20
William Panto	6/30/20

Auxiliary Police Officers

Joseph M. Boyle	6/30/20
Stephen Rose *(appt. 7/1/19)*	6/30/20

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

Name	Office	Term Expires

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/20
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/20
Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/20

PVPC Representatives (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)

Justin Rosienski	6/30/19
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/20

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/20

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corp.

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/20

Board of Registrars

Mary-Ellen O'Reilly-Bracey *(resigned 2/12/2019)*	3/31/20
Carla H. Dell'Olio *(appt. 4/8/19)*	3/31/20
Colleen Toothill-Berte	5/21/21
Nancy Wright	3/31/21
MaryCatherine Knight	3/31/22

Assistant Registrars of Voters
Belchertown High School

Robert J. Hansbury	3/31/20

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct A

Bernette Daly (Warden)	8/31/20
Donna Butler (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct B

Gale Miron (Warden)	8/31/20
Brian O'Leary (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct C

Carol B. Walker (Warden)	8/31/20
Christian Babineau (Clerk)	8/31/20

Election Officers – Precinct D

Erica Morrison Brazitis (Warden)	8/31/20
Ann Finley (Clerk)	8/31/20

Name	Office	Term Expires

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Ruby Bansal, School Committee	6/30/20
Brian Cameron, Superintendent	6/30/20
Donna Lusignan, At Large Mbr.	6/30/20
Donna Robbins, High School Council *(resigned 1/14/19)*	6/30/19
Lisa Aiken, Home Schooling Rep.	6/30/20
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder School Committee Mbr.	6/30/20
Erica Rose, At Large Mbr.	6/30/20
Sarah Edwards, High School Council Rep. *(appt. 2/25/19)*	6/30/20

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/20

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee
(Disbanded 10/28/2019)

Beth Adams *(resigned 4/8/19)*	6/30/19
Dunstan McNutt	6/30/19
Drew Gatesman	6/30/20
Michelle Ricker	6/30/20
Sarah Edwards	6/30/21
Lori Allen *(appt 5/28/19)*	6/30/22

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
Suzanne Bay

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/20

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
Erica Cross Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Dir.	Final Report

Name	Office	Term Expires

Technology Advisory Committee

Cynthia Caporale	6/30/20
Frank Lomanno	6/30/20
Lew Louraine	6/30/20
Brian Weng	6/30/20
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/20

Trail Stewardship Council

Erica Cross, Town's Representative	6/30/20
Douglas Albertson, Town's Alternate	6/30/20
Jane Bryden, Landowner Rep.	6/30/20

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/22

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/20

Deputy Collectors

Arthur P. Jones	12/31/20

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/22

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/20

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Theresa A. Rothwell	6/30/20

Town Common Lighting Committee
(Committee disbanded 11/18/2019)

Gloria Fortunato *(resigned 5/28/19)*	6/30/21
James Phaneuf *(resigned 11/4/19)*	6/30/22
Cindy Brougham-Brown *(resigned 10/21/19)*	6/30/20
Drew Gatesman *(appt. 3/25/19)*	6/30/20
Marnie Henneman	6/30/21

Name	Office	Term Expires

Town Counsel

KP LAW	6/30/20

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Agent Search Committee

(Committee disbanded 11/1/2019)

Raymond Janke	Final report
Janet Jourdain	Final report
Edward Okseniak	Final report
Keith Poulin	Final report
Vincent Viglione	Final report

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/22

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/22

Veterans' Service Agent

Raymond J. Janke III *(retired 12/31/19)*	4/30/20
Charly Lawrence *(appt. 11/15/19; effective 12/2/19)*	4/30/20

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Janet Jourdain	6/30/20
William McClure	6/30/20
Keith Poulin, Associate Mbr.	6/30/20
Larry Raines, At Large Mbr.	6/30/21
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/22
William Bowen, At Large Mbr.	6/30/22
Robert Vigneault, At Large Mbr.	6/30/22
Michael Edreich *(appt. 8/12/19)*	6/30/22

Raymond Janke – Period of Employment *(retired 12/31/19)*
Charly Lawrence – Period of Employment
Vincent Viglione – Period of Employment

Name	Office	Term Expires

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III *(retired 12/30/19)*
Charly Lawrence *(appt. 12/2/2019)*

Willard Stebbins Trust Fund

Peg Louraine
Thomas Stockton

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne Versace, Associate Mbr.	6/30/20
Nolan Smith Fernandez, Associate Mbr.	6/30/20
Dino Brunetti, Associate Mbr. *(Appt. 11/25/19)*	6/30/20
Jennifer Sharrow	6/30/20
Mark Hebert	6/30/21
Brian Gibbons	6/30/22

Zoning Enforcement Officer

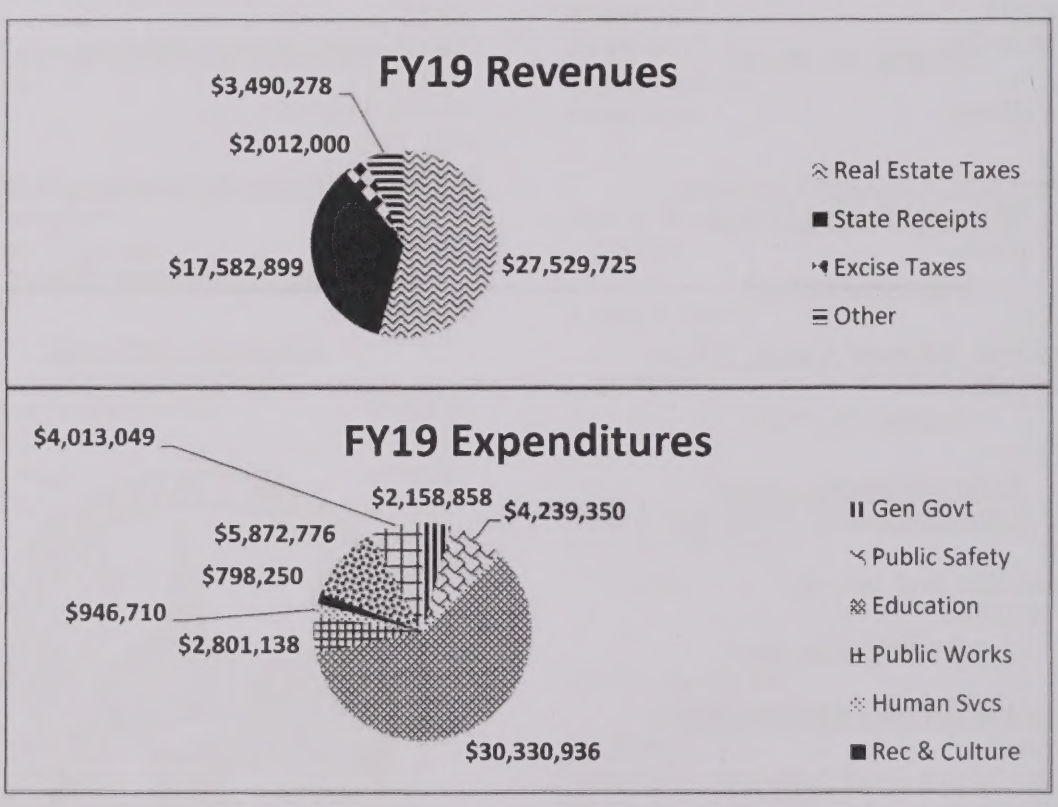
Paul Adzima	6/30/20

Board of Selectmen

Our great community continues to thrive despite economic challenges present throughout the region. Looking at our people, tax dollars and infrastructure this year, it's easy to see our town continues to invest wisely.

The Town employs 508 people. Combined with the countless volunteers and committee members, they bring the energy and enthusiasm that make Belchertown a special place to live. From the folks teaching our children, to the wonderful team working with our senior citizens as they age, there is something for all stages of life here for our residents. The Town Fair volunteers continue to be a vibrant and amazing group of people. The Cultural Council also continues to infuse energy into the community with its growing Food Truck Summer Fridays and Winter Light Nights. There are so many groups that selflessly give back to Belchertown and we're all better off for it. Consider finding a way to volunteer for something that interests you.

For the tax dollar update:



- Data sources compiled from the Town Treasurer and Accountant's Offices.
- $4,013,049 comprises all other expenses in different categories.

As you'll notice Education is the most significant expenditure, however everyone should know that there are state laws regarding the Foundational budget (the minimum that each community must spend education). While we are currently more than the minimum required, it's in line with many other similar communities across the Commonwealth.

Belchertown has a long history of strong fiscal management. However, with unfunded mandates from the State and Federal governments across all Town departments, it's becoming increasingly harder to balance the needs of everything. You'll notice a new Stormwater utility on your real state bills very soon to comply with the Federal EPA regulations. This was voted on and approved at Town Meeting in 2019.

Regarding Infrastructure, Belchertown does an excellent job at maintaining our buildings and roads given all of the economic pressure of reduced state aid in certain areas. Earlier this year, the Board of Selectmen authorized the School Committee to engage the Massachusetts School Building Authority to begin the process of determining if our community should look into the best way to approach the Jabish Brook Middle School repairs/renovation/or build something entirely new. At this time, we have been denied entry into the partner program but have been invited to reapply next season.

Your Board remains committed to the sound financial principles that have been in place historically and enhanced over the last few years. We hope to continue to strengthen our processes in collaboration with Department heads and both the School and Finance Committees. It's a challenging environment to be sure, but we have very engaged and talented people working on behalf of you, the taxpayer. I have much confidence in our future.

All in all, we live in special town with unbelievably good people everywhere you turn.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Boscher, Chair
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The past 12 months in the combined office of the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen have been ambitious and productive.

I spoke considerably in my last town report about Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility. The facility has celebrated its first year of operation in June 2019. This facility is currently nearing full tenancy, with full tenancy expected in the very near future. Christopher Heights has become a very popular destination for many longtime Belchertown residents who are in need of assisted living arrangements as they enter a different phase of their lives. The estimated $15 million value of this facility has become the anchor in the Town's efforts to redevelop the former Belchertown State School campus and expand services to Belchertown's senior population.

In late December Carriage Drive connecting Front Street to Jackson Street in the heart of the former Belchertown State School campus was completed. Made possible through a MassWorks grant in excess of $3 million, this new road provides considerable development opportunity in the former campus, connects Jackson Street directly to State Street providing convenient alternate route to residents conducting routine travel. This was a significant accomplishment by our EDIC, MassDevelopment, Belchertown Department of Public Works and town officials. In addition to the Carriage Road project, the Belchertown Day School has broken ground on their new facility located in the former campus. That new day school will be situated in close proximity of the assisted living facility and a future mixed use residential development. It's great news for the Belchertown Day School and the Town's economic development committee following extended negotiations and permitting.

Following approval of a capital bond, our Annual Town Meeting in May 2018, several town departments have benefitted from significant capital equipment upgrades. Our Department of Public Works department has taken delivery of a new tandem axle dump truck. The Belchertown Fire Department took delivery of a new Class A Fire Suppression Pumper to replace a 1983 piece of apparatus in very poor condition. The School Department is continuing work on several capital upgrades to include replacing a primary heating boiler at Belchertown High School and resurfacing the outdoor running track. In addition, a significant upgrade to the interior of the auditorium in Lawrence Memorial Hall was completed with a new acoustical cloud installed within the meeting space, along with state of the art lighting and projection equipment. This

work was completed with a cost share between the Town of Belchertown and Belchertown Cable Television at a total cost of nearly $50,000. While our town continues to grow public hearings and routine public meetings are becoming increasingly difficult to conduct with the limited meeting space available in town hall. The upgrade of the auditorium will provide a very desirable expansion on our ability to manage large scale public hearing and gatherings.

Last year we spoke briefly about the new legalization of recreational marijuana. At present, the Town has fully permitted two retail marijuana establishments one on North Main Street and the other on the corner of George Hannum Road and Route 9. Retail business owners are currently working through the State permitting process hoping to open their doors this year. In addition, the Town has fully permitted one cultivation facility at the site of the former Atkins apple storage facility on Mill Valley Road with another larger facility within the same building working to go through the site plan approval process at the Planning Board. The regulatory process for these facilities is very complex and time consuming. Shall these applicants be successful in gaining state approval for selling or cultivating cannabis products, the Town stands to benefit up to 3% of the operator's retail product sales.

I am also happy to report, after 20+ years of false starts, progress has been made toward transferring ownership of the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park to the residents' tenants' association. This facility has been a topic of discussion in many public offices, to include Mass DEP, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Hampshire Housing Court, Mass Legal Aid, Belchertown Board of Health, the Belchertown Tax Collector's Office, for challenges too numerous to mention. In early fall, a concentrated effort by the previously mentioned groups finds us very close to receiving capital funding in the amount of up to $1 million made available through an Office of Housing and Community Development Grant. A tremendous amount of work remains to be done but the progress seen in the past eight months has surpassed the efforts seen in the past 20 years. We are optimistic our continued efforts will be productive in providing a new drinking water source and distribution system, solid waste disposal and other services for the residents of this facility.

I am also happy to report, three of the Town's four organized labor units successfully negotiated and ratified new labor contacts over the past 12 months. These labor agreements will serve the Town's Police Department's Dispatching employees, all units of the Belchertown Public Works Department, and Belchertown Fire-Rescue employees. I would like to personally thank the various negotiating committees of these labor units for their spirit of cooperation during the contract negotiation process. The three agreements provide 2% cost of living increases for each of the three years of the contracts and some amended language respective to each particular unit.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not acknowledge the retirement of our Veterans' Agent, Raymond Janke, at the end of the 2019 calendar year. Mr. Janke provided outstanding service to Belchertown's veterans during his many years as Veterans' Agent. On behalf of Belchertown's Board of Selectmen and the Town management team, I would like to sincerely thank Mr. Janke for his service to the community and the Town's veterans. In the absolute need to maintain a seamless operation in the Veterans' Office, we conducted a search and appointed a replacement for Mr. Janke. Belchertown's new Veterans' Agent is Charly Lawrence. She is experienced in veterans' affairs, serving in the City of Springfield most recently following several deployments while in active duty in the military. We all welcome Charly to our management team.

Finally, our ability to continue to provide high levels of service in all areas of town government during our renewed growth is a direct reflection on the dedicated town employees and public officials who work tirelessly to maintain Belchertown's desirable status. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your dedicated service to our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

Finance Committee

For Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019), Belchertown had a 7% increase in total revenues which included the use of certified "Free Cash" but unlike most previous years, no funds from the Town's Stabilization Fund were necessary to balance the budget. The Finance Committee along with the Board of Selectmen and Town officials worked to prioritize departmental requests in excess of FY 2018 spending levels in order to maintain an acceptable level of programs and services to the Town.

	FY2018	FY2019	Projected FY2020	% Change
Local Receipts	$3,745,963	$3,352,278	$3,485,933	3.99%
Real Estate Tax Levy	$25,469,776	$27,678,028	$28,656,142	3.53%
MA State Aid (Cherry Sheet)	$17,512,554	$18,475,941	$18,550,725	0.40%
Special Fund Receipts	$3,487,453	$4,228,429	$4,362,972	3.18%
	$50,215,746	$53,734,676	$55,055,772	2.46%

With FY 2020 budgets, the Town will see a continued strain on local resources due to level-funding from the State. The State's level-funding creates a heavy dependency upon local revenues such as real estate taxes which are utilized at the maximum level of 2.5% of the Town's Levy Limit. These revenue limitations constrain the options available to Town officials as they commit to maintaining essential Town services while preserving the long-term financial health of the Town.

The Finance Committee continues to focus on fiscal strategies to address necessary funding for Other Post-retirement Employee Benefits (OPEB) and capital expenses. These strategies included newly approved policies for use of certified Free Cash and OPEB spending minimums. These strategies are being implemented to avoid having the Town incur additional debt as OPEB expenses continue to grow at a geometric pace.

The Finance Committee is dedicated to addressing the Town's needs while safeguarding the Town's financial future. This is our fiduciary responsibility and our unwavering commitment to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Finance Committee

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2019 were: Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department; Eric LeBeau, School's - Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Max Bock, Town's Buildings and Grounds.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Agricultural Commission

A Farmers "Meet and Greet" was held in February. A Speaker from the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation spoke on Chapter 61 regulations and other Farm related regulations. The event was very well attended.

The Commission put together an exhibit for the Belchertown Fair. "The Changing Face of Farming" celebrated the large influence that farming had on the history of Belchertown and highlighted a number of those farms that are still in existence. We would like to thank member Louise Butler for all of the time she put into this exhibit. Information collected from this endeavor will be donated to the Stone House Museum and the commission will continue to record the history of Farming.

We continue to support the very successful Farmers Market located on the Town Common during the summer months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Shattuck, Chairman
Judy Gillan, Member
Tom Roberts, Member
Tammy Ryan, Associate Member
Lori Carver, Secretary
Tom Hastings, Member
Louise Butler, Associate Member
Sandy Brougham, Associate Member

Animal Control Advisory Board

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen, who, prior to the inception of ACAB, was holding numerous hearings regarding domestic animal complaints and neighbor disputes within the community. As a result, the Board of Selectmen agreed it beneficial to form a separate board to hear and resolve matters that have escalated beyond the day to day functions of the Animal Control Officer.

The members of the ACAB comprise of residents with a wealth of knowledge and experience with domestic animals. All members currently are pet owners. Members include kennel operators, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service animal. ACAB works closely with the Animal Control Officer in resolving matters of an escalated nature, and often, disputes between neighbors.

In 2019, ACAB did not have any hearings. All matters were successfully resolved by the Animal Control Officer and did not have to be brought before ACAB.

ACAB remains a stable and dedicated Board. We are looking forward to a successful 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Miner, Chair
Audrey Safford
Carol Kasabian
Paul Kopulos
Jim Luippold, Secretary
Brian Breveleri
Chrystal Greenleaf

Animal Control Department

Animal Intake – 2019

Total Animals In: 191

Cats:	87	Dogs:	56	Chickens:	2
Ducks:	2	Owls:	4	Pigeons:	2
Roosters:	1	Turtles:	1	Raccoons:	4
Opossums:	14 (2 adults/12 babies)				

Animals Transferred In:	Cats: 12	Dogs: 3
Animals Returned but Re-Adopted:	Cats: 2	Dogs: 1

Total Animals Out: 187

Animals Adopted:	Cats: 76	Dogs: 10	Chickens: 1
Animals Deceased Upon Arrival:	Cats: 2	Ducks: 1	Opossums: 1
Animals Euthanized:	Cats: 3	Raccoons: 2	
Animals in Foster:	Cats: 2		
Animals Returned to Owner:	Cats: 7 Pigeons: 2	Dogs: 46 Roosters: 1	Chickens: 1
Animals Transferred Out:	Cats: 5 Owls: 4	Dogs: 3 Raccoons: 2	Opossums: 13 Turtles: 1
Animals Returned to Feral Colony:	Cats: 4		
Animals Still at Belchertown Animal Control for Adoption:	Cats: 3	Dogs: 1	

Board of Assessors

At the Town Election in May, Raymond Goff was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Thomas Barry and Donald Minney remain members of the Board.

Although the costs associated with operating municipal government continue to rise; the Assessors Office works within the constraints of a "level serviced" budget to provide accurate and dependable assessment and financial data.

Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2019 municipal budget included:

FY19 Total Taxable Value	1,510,809,395
Town Meeting Appropriations	$54,887,310
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	$27,209,282
Tax Levy	$27,678,028
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$27,693,234
FY19 New Growth	$515,557
FY19 Tax Rate	$18.32

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The number of exemptions is as follows:

Elderly/Senior Citizen: 18
Elderly/Widow: 17
Disabled Veterans/surviving spouses (of disabled veterans): 162
Blind (certified by Commission of Blind): 0

The Board also reviewed and acted upon "Chapter" applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses. The Board continues to perform field reviews as needed.

In accordance with Department of Revenue guidelines, the assessing staff continues to inspect properties throughout town. As part of the cyclical inspection program, the staff will verify property characteristics of single-family homes until the project is completed. Approximately 300 homes are inspected on an annual basis.

Commercial activity continues to increase in town. Examples of new commercial development include an assisted living facility at the former state school property and a warehouse on Ware Road. The staff continues to value new residential developments such as Hickory Hills off of George Hannum Road and Summer Hill condominiums along Daniel Shays Highway.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year valuation adjustment for real and personal property in fiscal year 2019. Due to improved market conditions, the town's overall property values increased. The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to mass appraisal standards and Department of Revenue (DOR) guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown along with the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors
Thomas Barry, Chairman
Donald Minney, Vice Chairman
Raymond Goff, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television (BCTV) is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on Charter channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
BEDIC
Council on Aging
Agriculture Commission
Board of Health
The Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meetings
(Meetings currently not covered are: School Committee, Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts
Most BHS Drama Presentations
Most CHCS Band Concerts
The BHS Annual Graduation Ceremony
Swift River and Chestnut Hill productions
(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Football and Baseball games, Softball games, Hockey Games, Volleyball, and Chess)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
Carols on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade
Food Truck Fridays
Some Holiday events
Veterans Day Ceremonies
Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Christ Community Church
Hope United Methodist Church

Continuing Series:

Stone House Speaker Series
Town Talk

Live shows:
Belchertown Fair
Belchertown Parade
CHCS – Veterans Day Performance
Swift River – "It's A Small World"
Special Town Meeting
Annual Town Meeting

Shows of Special Interest:
Car Show on the Common
P.S.A. – Opioid Addiction
Rag Shag Parade
Take Back the Night – Police, Fire Rescue Department
Tri-Lakes Ice Fishing Derby
Winter Light Nights
Jimmy Fund Putt-a-thon
SOAAR event on the Town Common

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:
Your Right to Know (Fitchburg City Republican Committee)
Westover ARB Monthly News
Conversations with Pakman

Accomplishments and Goals
BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

This year BCTV became aware that the acoustics in Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium made it difficult to hold public meetings in that room. BCTV was covering a series of large public meetings in that hall over several months. The ability of the committee and the public to actually hear and communicate with each other was impaired due to the large reverb in the hall. Even amplified sound did not help.

A chance encounter with Ann Pittsley, Administrative Executive Assistant for Belchertown led to a conversation about her need for more meeting space and her dream to restore the curtains that once acted as an acoustic baffle to the room. That conversation led BCTV to talk with the Town Administrator about a collaboration with Town and BCTV funding to improve the room so that large public meetings could be held there.

BCTV contacted our local theater supplier, Theatrix, who agreed to take on the project. From June to November of last year, installation of an overhead baffle, new lighting, downward facing speakers, new audio inputs, a movie quality video projector, a projector screen, and acoustic curtains in the room were completed.
BCTV also installed three permanently mounted video cameras and an internet interface so that we could broadcast live from the auditorium.

All in all, it has made a vast improvement to the acoustic nature of the room and at the same time improved the functionality of the space.

BCTV does have a small but extremely dedicated staff. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all of the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVDs, upload to VIMEO for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

- Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, upload shows to VIMEO
- Dan Beaudette – ZBA, Selectmen, Council on Aging, Agricultural Commission
- Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meeting, and other events
- Keith Bettencourt – Conversations with Pakman
- Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
- Audrey LePage – BCTV Bulletin Board
- Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
- Frank Lommano – BCTV IT Manager, All live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, Station Manager
Peg Louraine, Operations Manager

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Board of Selectmen appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs. During 2012 BEDIC overcame many long-term obstacles that were blocking the development of the site: solving the indemnification issues with the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) with help from our legislators and MassDevelopment, our Master Developer for the site. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues to develop the conceptual plan for the site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Town Administrator. The site has been named Carriage Grove. The main road, named Carriage Drive, was completed in November and opened to the public by BEDIC in December. The 2,000 foot road, enabled by a State awarded $3,000,000 Mass Works grant, also is fully complete with imbedded infrastructure for new development projects. The road will be presented for Town acceptance in 2020.

Through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost $5.5-million in State funds to date for remediation and demolition of twenty structures totaling around 280,000 sq. ft. including all the cottages, the large School Building, Dorm G, the infirmary, the hospital and several industrial buildings. Phase VII remediation and demolition is currently being designed for the removal of the Storage Building, Kitchen and Laundry Building in 2020.

Site security has been increased with the very active participation of the Police Department.

Christopher Heights of Belchertown assisted living facility continues to increase occupancy. BEDIC has received additional development project proposals for sections for the site and is concluding negotiations through MassDevelopment for those projects.

BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board, the Belchertown Historical and Conservation Commissions, Town groups and the State to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site and providing access for the public through a trails network. This work continues.

Directors:	William Terry, Chairman	Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
	Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat	Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
	Beth Maroney, Financial Seat	Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT)

In 2019, BOAT underwent a name change from Belchertown Opioid Awareness Task Force to Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together. This change in both title and mission will allow us to widen the scope to include other substances that are misused or are potentially harmful. The task force continues to be comprised of local officials, medical professionals, first responders, and concerned community members.

Preliminary information for 2019 suggests an approximately 20% decrease in the total number of substance-related calls and fatalities due to substance misuse in Belchertown, in comparison to 2018's numbers. However, eight Belchertown fatalities appear to have been, at least in part, attributable to substance misuse this past year, so although overall statistics show improvement, work surrounding drug use prevention, education, and harm reduction continues to be vital. BOAT is also closely monitoring concerning trends, such as vaping.

BOAT continues to work with various community and area partners to help support individuals and families affected by substance use disorders. We also are exploring partnerships with various agencies on future grant applications to provide resources and support for youth based programs.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge the service and support of two members of BOAT, who have completed their time with us during 2019. Former Belchertown Selectman and BOAT liaison George "Archie" Archible and former Belchertown Fire Department Captain Craig Bodamer served on BOAT since its inception, and we thank them for their service and support throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Lozier, Chairman - BOAT

Clapp Memorial Library

The Clapp Memorial Library recorded another exciting year of new programs and services for our community, with attendance of 13,949 at 487 library programs. We provide quick and easy access to our collection of 25,000 books, 6,527 DVDs, 2,902 audio books, 2,200 music CDs, and 70 magazine subscriptions. Membership in the C/WMARS resource sharing network expands this collection by allowing our users to borrow materials from 147 member libraries with combined collections of over 9 million items. This membership also provides access to the OverDrive Digital Collection that grows larger and more diverse each year, with 61,030 eBooks and 20,692 downloadable audio books. In Fiscal Year 2019, the Library circulated 114,020 items, and borrowed 13,645 additional items from consortium libraries to meet the needs of our 7,164 card holders. We recorded 27,500 visits to our website, along with 3,640 uses of our free wireless service.

Programming is an essential component of library services and this year, there was something to engage every interest from escape rooms to one-on-one technology assistance. Music programming was greeted with enthusiasm, featuring big band swing, traditional cowboy tunes, a symphony choir, a brass quintet, and community bell ringers. Adults were invited to join a six-week meditation class, take a virtual garden tour of the Northeast, visit the home of the World's Worst Weather, learn about local graves and graveyards, create art from old books, learn how Windsor chairs are made, discover the joys of camera trapping, marvel at the birds of the Quabbin, study the effects of climate change on local ecosystems, craft a pop-up book, and create an original art work using alcohol ink techniques. New this year is a weekly group that meets to knit, crochet, spin, or weave in a friendly setting.

Avoiding the "summer slide", a whopping 534 children participated in the Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories". Many of these same children visited the Library to partake in magic shows, story tellers, science feats, lots of music, Frisbee fun, spooky tales, chess club, movies, concerts, a pajama party, rocket making, food exploration, a star lab, puppet shows, a jester, an artist in residence, escape rooms, Legos, and more. The Library was also a co-sponsor of one of the popular Food Truck Fridays, providing children with face painting, games, miniature donkeys and lots of good fun.

The Library secured a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to fund special summer programming for teens. Focused on health and wellness, the summer series introduced teens to healthy snack prep, laughter yoga, relaxation through self-hypnosis, terrarium making, creative cupcakes, making art in the presence of real bunnies, and improvisational comedy. Throughout the year, they also dabbled in Bad Art nights, attempted creative baking challenges, engaged in trivia, learned new study skills, wrote stories and novels, and created book art. Fifty-seven teens participated in the Summer Reading Program.

This past year we welcomed the installation of air conditioning for the first time in the history of the 133 year-old building. The installation of an efficient HVAC system was made possible through the generosity of our users who contributed to the Trustees Annual Appeal, and also because of the hard working Friends of the Library who contributed funds raised from their wonderfully successful biannual book sales. Those sales generate funds that support programs, services and equipment purchases that are beyond the reach of our budget. The Friends also funded much needed improvements to our Activity Room, including interior repairs, painting, and new furnishings. The Friends deserve tremendous thanks for their continued support. We also thank our regular volunteers who contribute valuable time to the Library, and the teen volunteers who worked 304 hours last year!

This year, the Library eliminated fines on juvenile and young adult materials in order to make our collections as accessible as possible to our youngest users. Those young users include the kindergartners from the Cold Springs School. Kindergarten classes visit the Library regularly—104 times last year—to choose books, hear a story, and become familiar with the wonders housed within these walls.

The Library offers a variety of electronic collections, most of which users can access from home. These collections include Rosetta Stone languages, Consumer Reports Online, Tumblebooks for children, New York Times Online, Ancestry and HeritageQuest genealogy databases, and Newsbank for online Western Massachusetts newspapers. Three exciting new services were added last year. **Creativebug** offers videos of 1000+ arts and crafts classes. **Hoopla** is an all-in-one media service of 700,000 titles in six different formats—audiobooks, eBooks, comics/graphic novels, full music albums, movies, and TV. Patrons can instantly borrow items to download or stream. **Kanopy** allows library cardholders to stream movies from a curated collection of over 30,000 high quality titles in a variety of genres. Also new this year, wireless hotspots can be checked out to provide a free connection for wifi enabled devices like laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

If one's preference is for a print newspaper, the Library subscribes to the Boston Globe, Springfield Republican, Wall St Journal, Daily Hampshire Gazette and the New York Times. We offer passes that permit free or reduced price admission to 16 area museums and attractions: the Springfield Museums, Holyoke Children's Museum, Zoo in Forest Park, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Norman Rockwell Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Historic Deerfield, Mystic Aquarium, the Clark Museum, Ecotarium, Massachusetts Parks Pass, MassMOCA, Pioneer Valley Symphony, Wistariahurst, the U.S.S. Constitution Museum, and the Smith College Museum of Art.

A new Library Strategic Plan was completed in September, the distillation of input from a public survey (completed by 440 respondents), two community focus groups, and considerable detailed planning. This working document will guide the Library through the next five years as we continually assess and improve services.

The Library bids farewell to Trustee Kevin Weiss and thanks him for his many years of fine service to the Library and the community. We invite you all to stop in and explore what the Library offers and send a huge thank you to the entire community for the support we receive each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila McCormick, Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful thirteenth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averages $35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 14.1% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2019 was $256,719.00 and the state match was $36,102.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions. Over the last 13 years, there has been a total of $887,429 spent on the preservation of open space; $366,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities, $873,841 on the creation and rehabilitation of recreational areas and $1,200,234 on the preservation of historic features, all tallying $3,327,504. Leveraged funding has totaled $19,824,495 so the Town has benefited from a total of $23,151,999.00 in projects.

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting approved five CPA projects with a total appropriation of $91,675.00. These projects include:

- Tri-lakes Beaver Management Plan
- Replacement of elevators at the Belchertown United Church of Christ
- Field survey and installation of bounds and pins at South and Lake Vale Cemeteries
- Gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery
- Way Finders First-time home buyer program

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman
Nancy Delgado Bachman
Mike Hofler
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Alex Loss
Wilbur Quirk
Gail Gramarossa, Selectman Liaison
Megan Manitsas
Peg Louraine
Eric Wojtowicz

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held thirty-eight (38) new hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act: twenty (20) Requests for Determination; eighteen (18) Notices of Intent; and five (5) Extension Permits for Orders of Conditions; thirteen (13) Certificates of Compliance; and eleven (11) Partial Certificates of Compliance. The Commission issued ten (10) Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety; the majority of the emergencies were to remediate flooding impacts as a result of beaver activity or the removal of overhanging damaged trees. Additionally, the Commission issued sixteen (16) Enforcement Orders.

The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid and the New England Central Railroad Company. The Commission also instituted a new policy to review new building permit requests in order to ensure and clarify Conservation's jurisdiction in regards to development around resource areas.

The Conservation Commission Administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the Town. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for the permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations, as well as any associated compliance and enforcement efforts. For the year 2019, there were thirty (30) applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. In its capacity as the Stormwater Authority, and in conjunction with the Stormwater Committee, the Commission has been working to achieve compliance with the Town's MS4 permit through several efforts, such as: participating in a region-wide association of other Pioneer Valley towns to achieve public outreach requirements, assisting in developing potential stormwater programs through a 604B grant, coordinating with consultants to document existing outfalls and flooding concerns, and planning for increased housekeeping practices like street sweeping. In order to pay for the MS4 permit, the Stormwater Committee with the help of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, has created a Stormwater Utility based on how much impervious cover is located on their property, spearheaded by the Conservation Department and the Department of Public Works.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission continues to work with various Town departments for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project. The Commission is also working with the Recreation Department to consider what town-owned land would be best for a Frisbee golf course.

The Commission has been continuing to prioritize management of the Town's open space lands. With our partners at Kestrel Land Trust, the Commission has worked to improve public access to the Holland Glen Forest. This has included parking improvements, trail and tread work, and a small bridge that crosses Hop Brook. The Conservation Commission has applied for another grant through the Mass. EOEEA Dam, Levee, and Coastal Foreshore Protection Repair and Removal program to cover costs required to engineer and permit the removal or repair of the dam at Scarborough Brook, and a Habitat Management Grant in order to manage The Meadows as early successional habitat. Both grants were not awarded to the Town but came with feedback encouraging re-application in 2020. The Conservation Commission established a land-management subcommittee in order to take stock of our current open spaces. This, in conjunction with Kestrel Land Trust's continued monitoring of the Town's Conservation Restrictions, provides a clearer picture of the Town's open space to allow future land management goals to take shape. The Commission also completed a submission to the US Forest Service Community Forest Program to acquire a valuable woodlot, though awards have not yet been announced.

The Commission continues to work actively with the Tri-lakes Association and the Belchertown Lake Committee. The purpose of this relationship is to addresses the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for Belchertown's Lacustrine habitats. Monitoring water quality, vegetation and nutrient content is a necessity in assessing the overall health for all three Lakes. The Conservation Commission, the Belchertown Lake Committee, Tri-Lakes Association and DPW are currently all working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.

In 2019 The Conservation Commission has actively encouraged community support and involvement in the work that we do. In the summer, the Commission teamed up with the Palmer Conservation Commission to run a compost bin and rain barrel program. At the end of the program, thirty-seven (37) compost bins were disseminated to Belchertown residents. This significantly detracts from our landfills and increases Belchertown's overall sustainability efforts. The Commission has also heard from a grassroots pollinator group to encourage ecologically sustainable practices going forward. Community members have reached out to inquire about leasing Town-owned land for Chestnut tree farming and various research initiatives such as Black bear population counts and the use of audiology in determining pollinator richness of an area. Finally, an Eagle Scout has completed required community service with the Conservation Commission by incorporating GIS maps in encroachment letters. Going forward, it is the belief of the Conservation Commission that strengthening these sorts of community ties will help to bolster overall conservation efforts.

The Conservation Commission regrettably accepted the resignation of Michael Cavatorta and Erik Wojtowicz. The Conservation Commission has appointed Heather McCann, David Lamb, Doug Beach, and associate member Mark Brownell to the commission. The Commission has worked to polish its internship program by coordinating with local schools to develop listings and funding sources. Applicants for the 2020 summer season internship program have already been received.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2020 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

David Haines, Chairman
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Heather McCann, Commissioner
Doug Beach, Commissioner

Jon Clements, Vice-Chairman
Sabrina Moreau, Commissioner
David Lamb, Commissioner

Erica N. Cross, Administrator
Cayla Paulding, Assistant Conservation Agent

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is committed to enhancing the lives of older adults, age 60 and over through services, programs and activities that educate, assist and advocate on their behalf.

The Council on Aging remains focused on the goal of meeting the needs of Belchertown's senior citizens and continues to join with various local agencies to provide information and referrals to Belchertown's growing senior population.

The Council on Aging continues to supplement the town budget with alternate funding from the Formula Grant, Federal Title IIIC, and Title IIIB. As well as funding from the Older Americans Act through the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and the Administration for Community Living. In addition, supplemental funding is received through Belchertown Cultural Council grants. This Council is a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council a state agency.

Identifying and meeting the health needs of Belchertown's elder community continues to be a priority. On site foot care, hearing clinic and monthly blood pressure screenings conducted by Belchertown's public

health nurse are ways of completing this. Tai Chi, Healthy Bones and Balance, Yoga, Zumba and Active Aging Fitness classes are offered through the Council on Aging weekly. The Center had talks on healthy eating from WestMass ElderCare, a monthly visit from a registered dietitian and offered an onsite flu clinic in 2019.

Meeting the nutritional needs of Belchertown's senior community is accomplished through the daily Senior Lunch Program, Meals on Wheels program and the monthly Brown Bag Program. There are also weekly donations of bread available to all those who visit the Senior Center. During the summer the Senior Center delivers bags of fresh produce to seniors, compliments of WestMass ElderCare. In 2019 the Center partnered with the Amherst Survival Center to bring a Mobile Food Pantry to the Center. Each month bags of groceries are delivery to the Senior Center for those who have previously registered to pick up. This program runs off of donations and there for there is no cost to the resident.

Recognizing the need for a strong social network, the Council on Aging has weekly card games, craft classes, Wii Bowling, a quilting group, a veterans' group as well as monthly movies. The Center hosted many educational seminars in 2019 such as Dementia Prevention, The Streets Where We Live and Senior Medicare Patrol. Multiple musical performances were held during 2019 before and after the lunch program to help combat the winter blues, keep out of the heat in the summer and to kick off the holiday season.
One of the most valuable services that the Senior Center has to offer the senior population of Belchertown is its transportation program. We are fortunate enough to be able to offer our seniors an exact pick up time instead of a 2 hour window as other transportation companies do. We are able to offer this helpful option because we operate the program using our own vehicles. The Center also runs a grant funded Medical Transportation Program which enables our seniors to travel outside of Belchertown for medical appointment. A companion will pick the senior up at home, drive them to their appointment, wait with them and then drive them back home. Knowing that there is someone there to offer support really puts the clients mind at ease. Collaborating with other Town departments continues to be an asset to the Center. The inaugural National Night Out, brought to us by the TRIAD/SALT council was successful and allows for advertisement of the house numbering program, the house lock box program and drug take back program.

The Social Services/Outreach Program is available to all residents of Belchertown. Whether a resident needs referrals for themselves or a family member is seeking help with federal and state benefit applications, the Outreach Program can help. The Senior Center is fortunate that the program's Coordinator is a S.H.I.N.E (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor. She is trained and certified by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and are knowledgeable in many health insurance plans, including Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D; Medigap insurance, Medicare HMOs, retiree insurance plans, prescription drug programs, Medicaid, Medicare assistance programs and other programs for people with limited resources. Our staff is able to make home visits and provide phone consults to Belchertown residents any time during the year. This is especially helpful during the Medicare Open Enrollment period each year.
The Council on Aging's monthly newsletter is mailed to over 1300 households and emailed to an additional 150 residents. The Newsletter informs residents of the daily lunches and the diverse activities that the Center is offering.

The Council on Aging Executive Board of Directors, comprised of seven dedicated volunteers, lends support to the Council on Aging staff. The Council on Aging Board members are:

Robert Farrington-Chair	Donna Bozoglos-Vice Chair	Maura Guzik-Secretary
John Belding	James Dowling	Colleen DuroShea
Diane Plante		

The volunteers of the Council on Aging continue to be our most valuable asset. This dedicated group can be found helping in the kitchen, teaching classes or putting together the Brown Bags. In total they donated over 11,900 hours of free time to the Belchertown Senior Center in 2019.

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., under the direction of President Ann Hess sponsored numerous events to aid in the social wellbeing of the Belchertown residents. Their fund raising efforts and financial support of the Senior Center directly impacts the available programing, activities and events.

The Council on Aging provides many essential services to Belchertown residents. Each and every contact is registered as a unit of service and recorded for state and local funding purposes. Listed below is a sample of the key services provided from January 2019-November 2019:

- Activities & Educational Programs: 5116
- Health and Wellness Clinics: 2923
- Meals Served: 6943
- Home Delivered Meals: 18,404
- Brown Bag/Mobile Food Pantry: 1224
- Outreach and SHINE Programs (April-Nov): 499
- Transportation Services: 3740

The hardworking staff at the Council on Aging remains dedicated in their mission to provide excellent service to the senior population.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Langlois, Executive Director

Cultural Council

The Belchertown Cultural Council ("BCC"), a local agency funded in part by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, manages the Local Cultural Council Grants ("LCC Grants") program for Belchertown and organizes cultural programming for our community.

LCC Grants: BCC's state allocation from Mass Cultural Council for 2019 was $6,500, a 13% increase over 2018. We received 25 applications totaling $16,987 and awarded 14 grants totaling $7,048 ($6,500 current year and $548 rollover from prior year unused funds). The following programs were funded:

Applicant	Program	Grant Award
James Mazzaferro	Cruisin' Through the Fifties at the Senior Center	$1,150
Belchertown Community Band	Community Band Concerts	$850
Belchertown High School	Community Garden Peace Poles	$650
David Neill	Premier Swing Band at the Clapp Memorial Library	$605
Davis Bates & Roger Tincknell	A Universe of Songs and Stories at the Clapp Memorial Library	$600
Paul Sticca	Acousticca Band at Food Truck Friday*	$500
Belchertown Farmers Market	Educational Series	$500
Chestnut Hill Community School	Entertainment for Summer Reading Program completion party	$400
Donna Lee Honeywell	In Tribute to Karen Carpenter at the Senior Center	$350
Quabbin Art Association	Educational Series	$350
Attack Bear Press	memories of my life: A Walking Myth	$350
Dorothy Cresswell	New Songs for Teachers & Librarians	$300
Clapp Memorial Library	Personal Map Book Workshop with Jeannie Hunt	$267
Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra	Season Premiere Concert	$176

Program canceled, funds regranted in 2020

Local Programming: We expanded our three flagship events, ArtWeek, Food Truck Fridays, and Winter Light Night, providing free cultural activities for our community year-round.

ArtWeek: Produced by Boch Center and presented by Highland Street Foundation, ArtWeek is a statewide creative festival for all. Belchertown organized a town-wide Art Walk on May 5, joining over 130 towns across the state in the festival.

Despite cold, drizzly weather, hundreds of people attended exhibits, performances, and workshops at 17 locations around town, including jewelry making, painting, poetry on demand, the art of fashion, and a dance performance.

Food Truck Fridays: Food and fun is on the menu at Food Truck Fridays, the third Thursday of June, July, and August. We extended the event hours and nearly doubled the number of trucks this year, with about 15 at each event. The kickoff in June was held on the Common, with July and August held at Chestnut Hill Community School. Our community partners organized family activities: Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown Department of Public Works, Belchertown Police Department, and Belchertown Recreation Department. Local bands and artists provided entertainment for all ages.

Winter Light Night: To commemorate Small Business Saturday and the start of the holiday season, Winter Light Night is a time to "light up" the community. The day's activities included an Artisan Fair in Old Town Hall, s'mores, luminaria-making, snowflake ornament painting, face painting, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Belchertown Fire Department, 4-H, Hope United Methodist Church, Belchertown United Church of Christ, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish contributed activities and resources to the event.

Local businesses donated over $2,500 to fund the purchase of 20 lighted snowflakes to add to the snowflakes purchased in 2018. State champion Belchertown High School boys' soccer team members led our countdown to lighting the common at dusk.

Development: BCC's local business partners donated over $4,500 in cash sponsorships, plus numerous in-kind donations. Combined with our $4,000 Town Meeting appropriation this allowed us to fund the operations of our three flagship events plus invest in branding and marketing for each event. We also began work on a new website to inform and engage the community about cultural happenings in Belchertown.

The Belchertown Cultural Council has quickly established itself as a cornerstone of community programming, and we look forward to continued growth. There are many ways we could increase our impact and we welcome input and contributions from the community. We are grateful for our volunteers, community partners, and local business partners, and everyone who participates in BCC programs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

April Jasak-Bangs, Chair	Nicole Carlson, Secretary	Melissa Mann, Treasurer
Audrey Anderson	Gretchen Duhaime	Trista Hevey
Sarah Maroney	Jocelyn Walker	Jennifer Whitehead

Emergency Management

During 2019 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. During the early half of the year, we experienced average precipitation, followed with normal summer conditions. The early part of winter was colder than normal. Fortunately, this did not trigger too many problems. There were several small weather-related events that caused basic power outages, but once again the town's people were able to endure the demands of the weather-related events.

The Town's CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the Town's emergency preparedness plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security.

The town continues to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on hazardous mitigation taking a proactive approach to identify potential future problems that may occur during natural weather events. Again, time was spent working on the storm water runoff mandate initiated by the Environmental Protection Agency which will impact all homeowners.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Fair and Parade Committee

Fair Weekend: Belchertown celebrated its 162nd annual fair and parade. This year's theme was "A Salute to Farms." Exhibitors and town organizations put their minds together to come up with great ideas. Amusement rides were provided by Fiesta Shows. Friday night opened with discounted wristband sales. Due to the great weather, people flooded the fair grounds. Saturday's parade stepped off with a police escort, followed by the Color Guard. Marchers included professional units including the American Legion, Town officials, Police and Fire Departments. Many amateur units followed. There were so many events going on that weekend: tractor pulls, social tent, 4-H tent, Farmer for a Day, rabbit and poultry events, horse and oxen pulls. The Exhibit Hall was, again, spectacular. So much work goes into the decoration and setting every item in just the right spot. Every year it gets better and better; this year was no exception.

Awards:

Gary Whitlock Best Presentation of Theme Decorated Booth
Youth Booth Winner: Belchertown 4-H
Adult Booth Winner: Historic Association- Stone House

Parade Awards Include…

Floats:
1st: Friends of Clapp Memorial Library
2nd: Belchertown Day School
3rd: Austin Ridge Acres

Bands:
1st: Jabish Brook Middle School
2nd: Belchertown High School

Marching Units (Amateur):
1st: Footloose School of Dance
2nd: Belchertown Girl Scouts
3rd: Cub Scout Pack 57

Marching Units (Professional):
1st: Belchertown Fire Department

Antique Cars:
1st: Tom Stockton
2nd: Aaron Hibbard
3rd: Mark Belanger

First Place Antique Truck:
No Entries

Antique Tractors:
1st: Daniel Austin
2nd: Philip Eastwood
3rd: Brian Mosio

Antique Emergency Apparatus:
1st: Belchertown Seagrave
2nd: Monson Bellman

Exhibit Hall Awards include:

Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Golden Girls Craft Group
Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Adult): Jeanette Crumb
Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Youth): no entry
Helen Papp Award: Laurie Waite
Glen Butler Award: Leonard Waite
Fair Cake Adult: Shawn Lindholm
Fair Cake Youth: Lunamarie Lee
Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Ken Edwards
People's Choice Award Adult: Dale Zaleski
People's Choice Award Youth: Kali Pacunas
Preston Atwood Award: Michael Konstan
Bob Wilson Award: Diana Edwards
Les Campbell Award: Cheryl Lauricella
E.C. Howard and Sons Award: Leonard Waite
Elsie Waskiewicz Award: Sharon Marean
Best Agricultural Display: Belchertown Bunnies
Judy Dettencourt Award: Anderson Struzziero
Best Non-Agricultural Display: B'Town Bunnies
Nancy Searle Award: B'Town Bunnies
Scarecrow (Youth): Brandie Dumas
Scarecrow (Family/Group): Betty Ann Dodge

Also occurring were two favorite events:

Oxen Pulls…

2400 and Under
1st-Aiden Hall with Babe and Jasper- 7000lbs
2nd-Paul Audet with Jack and Ted- 7000lbs-WD
3rd-Kyle Clark with Roy and Mitch-6000lbs-FP/WD

2800 and Under
1st-Paul Audet with Tiger and Gator-8500 lbs
2nd-Aiden Hall with Doney and Whitney-8000lbs FP/WD
3rd-Paul Audet with Pete and Whitney- 8000lbs FP/WD

3200 and Under- No info at Press Time

Free for All Class—No info at Press Time

Horse Pulls:

Joseph F Austin Best Teamster Award
3200lb Class: Wayne Hubbard from Plainfield MA
3300 and over Class: Gordy Johnson from Putney VT

Pete Hannafin Award
Gordy Johnson from Putney VT

3300 and Under
1st-Hurlburt and Brown with Ira and Don- Full Pull 13,000lbs
2nd-Bill Bilodeau with Duke and Jerry- 50" 13,000lbs
3rd-Cody Belval with Dick and George- 24" 13,000lbs

3300 and Over
1st- Gordon Johnson wit Doc and Barney- 16,000lbs 52" and withdrew
2nd- Brad Hurlbert with Pat and Jessie- 16,000lbs 39" and withdrew
3rd-Alan Boisseau with Snickers and Max- 11,000lbs Full Pull

The Poultry Show Winners were ...

Best in Show: Lana Krol
Best Standard: Lana Krol
Reserve Standard: Thomas Scalera
Best Bantam: Lana Krol
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Best Water Fowl: Zoe Eyler Pelletier
Best Turkey: Luna Marie Lee

Showmanship

Cloverbud 1st: Abby Duda
Pee Wee Showmanship 1st: Mason Shattuck
Pee Wee Showmanship 2nd: Sofia Zenon
Pee Wee Showmanship 3rd: Kylie Liptak
Novice 1st: Zoe Eyler Pelletier
Novice 2nd: Olivia Eyler Pelletier
Novice 3rd: Ella Ricker
Junior 1st: Gianna Zenon
Junior 2nd: Claudia Macaluso
Junior 3rd: Cameron Kotowski
Intermediate 1st: Ellie Gelinas
Intermediate 2nd: Chloe Macaluso
Senior 1st: Henry Wilhelm
Senior 2nd: Hannah Iris

Many hours are spent planning the parade and fair. The Committee would like to the thank the Board of Selectman, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Most of all I want to thank the Fair Committee members for all that they do. Without this group, the fair would not exist. Looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown Family Center

The Belchertown Family Center is located at 51 State Street and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Belchertown Family Center is a community service that is funded by Collaborative for Educational Services, the Town of Belchertown, and with the generous support of the community. The Center is a resource for families with children ages infant to five years old and is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, developmentally and physically through enrichment activities and play.

The Belchertown Family Center supports teaching and modeling appropriate parenting skills and offers resources for developmental skills and community outreach services, such as Valley Families and WIC. We offer playgroups, where children can work on gross and fine motor skills. In addition, we foster pretend play, arts and crafts projects, music activities and pre math and pre reading activities that are research based. All activities are geared toward a smooth transition into preschool and Kindergarten. In addition to these services, the Family Center also collaborates with WIC and Community Action to offer assistance and community resources to families in need. The center also provides resources for families of young children who are new to the area. Through our relationship with Collaborative for Educational Services, the Center is able to provide a full group of resources and programs to benefit young children as well. We also provide caregivers with opportunities to meet and socialize with other families, creating dialog and networking to strengthen community.

For more information, please contact the Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201.

Fire – Rescue Department

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's Fire and Emergency Medical Ambulance Service. The Department has provided another busy and proactive year of fire protection and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high-quality Emergency Medical Services. We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown and our neighbors along with our advanced firefighting skills and training. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of 16 full-time staff, three part-time, and 40 call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses and the great citizens of Belchertown.

Each year brings challenges with funding as our community grows and takes change; however, town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. This year the Department maintained its full-time staff along with the compliment of Call/Volunteer firefighters. In September, the Town took delivery of a new fire engine that cost $565,000.00 which will replace a 36-year-old one. The equipment is vital to fire protection operations for the community. Planning also continues to commit and purchase an aerial device. In addition, we purchased two new automated cardiac compression machines for the ambulances to provide CPR compressions during our lengthy transports to area hospitals. These new units replace much older ones and cost about $20,000.00. This year brought the retirement of our long-time Ambulance Director, Craig Bodamer. Craig's 15 years of dedication and experience to the Town was valuable and he was instrumental moving the ambulance service from a basic service to the advanced life support service we have today. The Department commits to the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible.

Overall our response to fire related 911 calls is continuing to increase and risen from the average of one call a day, to 1.2 calls each day. The requests for permits show fire prevention activities and permits are steadily in line with past years as homes sales have increased, and new building has begun again. The ambulance responded to 1701 emergency 911calls, which is in line with last year. The ambulance continues to respond to 4.5 calls a day on average.

As the Department continues to request funding to plan towards the future, it is time to expand our Fire Department Headquarters with live in accommodations now that full-time employees are on duty around the clock. In addition, more full-time personnel is still needed to handle the ongoing increase of ambulance calls as the community once again is in development stages. Belchertown continues to grow and be a more active community. Additionally, funding for the full-time "Command" structure needs to be funded and implemented with modern fire practices as full-time staff is added. The members continue countless hours of State-mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable.

In closing, I would like to thank all the firefighters of the Department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2019

Structure Fires	09
Ambulance Responses	1701
Vehicle Fires	09
Vehicle Extrication	04
Wildland Fires	35
CO Alarms	38
Hazardous Spills	56
Faulty Appliance	53
Sounding Alarms	181
Investigations	34
Mutual Aid	03
Total	**2123**

Inspections and Permits 2019

Open Burning	532
Smoke Detector	278
Oil Burner	58
Propane Storage	40
Underground Tank Removal	03
Fuel Storage	01
Blasting	03
Total	**915**

BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2019:

Private Drinking Well Permits:	26 (24 New Construction, 2 Replacements)
Septic Permits:	72 (28 New Construction, 44 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications:	62 (30 New Construction, 32 Repairs)

Bakery:	3	Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/ Furnaces Variance Permits:	0
Body Artist Establishment	0	Piggery License:	2
Body Artist	0	Public Pool Permit:	1
Day Camp Permit:	0	Public Spa Permit:	0
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Residential Kitchen Permits:	3
Food Establishment Permits:	33	Retail Food Permits:	10
Frozen Dessert License:	2	Septic Hauler's Permits:	11
Funeral Director License:	1	Septic Installer's Permits:	30
Housing Inspection Voucher:	0	Tanning Unit Permits:	2
Limited Food Establishment Permits:	11	Temporary Food Permits:	50
Milk & Cream Licenses:	37	Tobacco Retail Permits:	11
Mobil Food Permits:	22	Food/Retail Review:	1
Mobil Home License:	1		

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

Belchertown – Ware Public Health Nurse
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2019 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown and Ware Board of Health Office as suspected, confirmed, contact, probable, or revoked in 2019. **Total event count by disease:**

Diseases Year 1/1/19 to 12/31/19	Belchertown	Ware
Babesiosis	4	1
Campylobacteriosis	1	0
Ehrlichiosis	2	0
Group A streptococcus	1	1
Hepatitis C	17	14
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	10	7
Influenza	119	100
Lyme Disease	54	30
Measles	1	0
Pertussis (and other Bordetella species)	4	1
Polio	1	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	1
Salmonellosis	0	4
Shiga toxin producing organism	1	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae	1	0
Varicella	4	0
Zika virus infection	1	0

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The cases listed above are those which have been received and investigated by the Board of Health office to the best of our ability. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by the newly created position of the Belchertown – Ware Public Health Nurse.

The Belchertown – Ware Public Health nurse is a position established in 2018 to service the towns with professional public health nursing while benefitting from cost savings through a shared agreement.

I continue to work under the direction of the Belchertown/Ware Board of Health Departments and Dr. Scott Siege, BMP. In 2019 all Standing Orders were reviewed, updated as needed and signed by Dr. Siege, allowing assurance that the Public Health Nurse is able to provide needed services for our residents. I was able to provide 2019/2020 flu vaccines to employees in need at both Ware and Belchertown locations, doing our part in promotion of a healthy community.

I continue to work with Reed Sherrill in the Office of Integrated Surveillance and Informatics for the Department of Public Health in Boston, MA on the use of the MAVEN system which we use to monitor all communicable infectious diseases throughout our community. I routinely confirm, monitor, assess, and follow up with health care providers, DPH, local epidemiologists, and residents who contracted various infectious diseases in our towns in order to prevent spread, educate, and ensure safety for all residents both Belchertown and Ware.

My role as the Public Health Nurse in Belchertown and Ware continues to provide opportunities to instruct our residents through preventative health trainings, including a monthly blood pressure clinic at the Belchertown Senior Center. As well as sit on the Community Benefits Advisory Board (CBAC) where I work closely with Baystate Wing and Mary Lane in efforts to develop and implement programs to enrich our communities by providing needed services along with educating the general public on healthy lifestyles.

I continue to work diligently with the Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT) as we strive to educate, empower, and assist the Belchertown Community in conquering the opioid epidemic that unfortunately continues to plagues our region.

I continue to serve as a member and now hold a seat on the Board as Treasurer for the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses Western Mass Chapter. MAPHN provides education and a network of resources to utilize for our communities. The Chapter works together to provide education to every community in Western Massachusetts, attend seminars provided by the epidemiologists at DPH in Boston, trainings on Emergency Preparedness in our community, safety, immunizations, and keep up to date on all evidence-based changes to our Public Health services.

I work diligently with the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and Quaboag Hills Community Coalition as we strive to educate, empower, and assist residents from both Ware and Belchertown. We also meet monthly on our mission in the development of a Peer Recovery Center for both Ware, Belchertown, and surrounding towns.

I also sit as a member of the Domestic Violence Task Force in Ware meeting monthly at BHN and providing services for our Ware residents during their time of need. I hold a seat on the Board for the Jubilee Diaper Board who works meticulously throughout Ware and surrounding towns to ensure residents in need of assistance with diapers and wipes for their children have a place obtain these items. The Diaper Board works in affiliation with the Food Pantry.

Monthly I assist at Hillside Village during their monthly Food Bank of Western Mass via Mobile Food Pantry. We administer perishable and nonperishable food items, per instruction of the Food Bank, to those in need in our communities.

I work to maintain, as well as continue to develop, professional contact with regional Health Care Providers, local School Nurses and Administration, Town employees, and the community members I serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Latulippe, RN, BSN
Belchertown-Ware Public Health Nurse

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on Farm inspections:

Animal Count

Beef Cattle over 2 years old:	75
Beef Cattle under 2 years old:	97
Breeder Pigs:	34
Chickens:	8033
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old:	0
Dairy Cattle under 2 years old:	0
Feeder Pigs:	14
Game Birds:	12
Goats over 1 year old:	33
Goats under 1 year old:	10
Horses over 1 year old:	4
Horses under 1 year old:	248
Llamas over 1 year old:	14
Llamas under 1 year old:	0
Rabbits:	27
Sheep over 1 year old:	16
Sheep under 1 year old:	0
Steers:	0
Turkeys:	9
Water Fowl:	55

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2019, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

- Dog bites: 26
- Cat bites: 7
- Horse bite: 1
- Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 17
- 1 dog, 2 cats, 1 goat, 1 raccoon, 1 horse, 1 fox and 2 bats were tested at the State Laboratory for rabies.
- 1 of the bats had unsatisfactory results, specimen was damaged. All others tested negative for Rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte, Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District
2019 Annual Inspection Report

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2019:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	62	36	2
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	28	10	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	44	27	7
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	59	25	7
Well Application Review	26	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	32	70	5
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Condemnations (#of units)	4	0	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	6	0
Housing Court Appearances	6	1	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint) Including School Cafeterias	84	112	3
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	2	3	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	50	18	0
Beaver Permits Issued	4	4	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated; Orders issued as warranted	6	32	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	1	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	0	0	0
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	0	1	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections; Public Beaches	2	1	0
Meetings/ Hearings	7	6	6

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 806

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2019 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2020 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of pension assessments as well as OPEB. The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Finn McCool, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk, and Carrie Latulippe RN, Public Health Nurse.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health - Quabbin Health District

Historic District By-Law Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, the Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the District, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the District. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the Town, the Historic District By-Law Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the Center Historic District.

During the past year there we several applications for proposed work within the Historic District.

- There were no "Certificates of Non-Applicability" issued in 2019.

- A "Certificate of Appropriateness" was issued to the following:
  - 33 Main Street – ADA Modifications, front entry door removed and replaced with aluminum, storefront door removed and replaced with aluminum storefront door and side lights. Existing concreated sidewalk, stairs and stoop, removed and replaced with new sidewalk, stairs and stoop. Placement of sidewalk from public sidewalk to rear.
  - 11 North Main Street – Installation of two 5x4 Century 21 Hometown Associates signs;
  - 18 South Main Street – Installation of 12 replacement vinyl windows.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chair
Irene Mariettos
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

Historical Commission

In 2019 the Historical Commission worked to better the preservation of Belchertown's historic buildings and artifacts. Working with other town entities including the Patrick Center Reuse Committee, and local groups including the Belchertown Cultural Alliance, we have spent time working on the preservation and remembrance of the former State School property. We also developed a website that we plan to open to the public this Spring with the support of the IT Department of the Town. We also have a full roster and one associate member as we end 2019. We look forward to 2020 and helping the town preserve our past and better our future.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bierly, Chair

Belchertown Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority (BHA) consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 16 family housing apartments, and 2 group homes managed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The Housing Authority is managed by an Executive Director who is appointed by the elected Board of Commissioners, and is operated according to the policies of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). There are no federal housing programs available through the BHA, only state housing programs.

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Ave. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, one bedroom, and bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There are no elevators. The office building contains a coin operative laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electricity, and trash pick-up are included in the rent. There is onsite maintenance and a 24-hour automated answering service.

The family housing apartments are located on State Street, George Hannum Road, and East Walnut Street. Off street parking is available. A three bedroom unit on State Street and a two bedroom unit on East Walnut are ADA compliant and handicap accessible. Trash pick-up is included in the rent.
The rents for the above apartments are determined based upon your households' gross annual income. Family apartment rents are set at 27% of the household's monthly gross income while elderly & disabled apartment rents are set at 30% of the household's monthly gross income (as utilities are included).

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment. We are sometimes out of the office during office hours due to housing court, inspections, apartment showings, and other errands. When the office is not open, or if our staff is unavailable, feel free to leave a message and we will return your call.

Respectfully submitted:

Pamela Rogers – Executive Director
Kathleen Piquette – Housing Manager
Marie Ciosek – Chairperson
Judy O'Kulsky - Treasurer
Nancy Delgado-Bachmann – Board Member
Brian Rooney – Board Member

Information Technology (IT) Department

This past year has seen a lot of focus on security. From updating software packages to tightening business practices, the IT Department was able to improve continuity of service for all users and reduce significantly the chance of downtime or data breaches.

Most of our projects this year were internal systems designed to allow town employees better access to data and the ability to work more efficiently. This year saw several major projects to replace outdated or unsupported systems, including our financials system, email, Council on Aging reporting system, help desk and proactive monitoring, internal file systems, along with other internal systems.

This year the IT Department went from two full time employees to two full time and 1 part time employees including hiring a new Assistant IT Director and adding a part time technician. This increase in staff has allowed us to work towards having time for both break-fix issues and new projects.

We look forward to 2020 bringing more technology challenges and benefits.

Thank you,
Kevin J Hannon, IT Director

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued forty one (41) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised twenty seven (27) single family homes and fourteen (14) condos.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1595. The new Belchertown Day School, located at 90 Front Street, on the former state school property, has begun construction.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector with Charles Lydon serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and David Sedelow and Richard Rosazza are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Lakes Committee

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2019, the Committee has met 6 times. The Committee has been working with Tri-Lakes Association, Town Departments and local residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's water-bodies. Belchertown can be very proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all lakes over the last 5 to 10 years. Data for the Tri-Lakes area has consistently shown a continued increase in water quality and a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation!

During the season of 2019, the Belchertown Lakes Committee has been working with AER, (Aquatic Ecosystem Research) to make recommendations for long term management for all three lakes. AER provides recommendations in regards to auxiliary projects that can be considered for future lake management efforts or grant acquisition.

Lake Metacomet experienced a whole lake herbicide treatment of Sonar (Fluridone). This herbicide application cost $28,000.00 and was performed by Solitude Lake Management in early May and July 12, 2019. Based on the results of the surveys, the 2019 aquatic plant management program provided excellent control of both target species. The season-long Sonar treatment program significantly affected the health of the wide-spread fanwort and variable milfoil within Lake Metacomet.

Moving forward to the 2020 management season, AER recommends a management program involving an early to late summer vegetation survey. It would be best to keep track of the invasive aquatic vegetation growth and treat regrowth as it appears rather than allowing the plants return to pre-management levels. AER has submitted a detailed proposal for water quality monitoring and vegetation surveys of Arcadia Lake, Metacomet Lake, and Holland Pond. The cost estimate is based on monthly water quality assessment in each lake starting in May and ending in October. The Lake Committee has applied for a CPA grant to cover the cost of $18,500.00 for this project.

In addition, the lakes have had numerous beaver activity and Beaver Solutions LLC has been hired to conduct a long term beaver management plan and assessment. One of the recommendations of this management plan was for the installation of a flow device at the north Lake Arcadia Culvert. This culvert had a flow device installed in 2000 which failed due to age and a lack of maintenance years ago. The old materials and dam were removed and a new flow device was installed. All work was conducted by Beaver Solutions LLC to restore water flow again through the culvert despite the presence of beavers. DPW assisted with removal of dam debris. The main goal for this project was to create an effective non-lethal tool to resolve and manage human/beaver problems.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2020 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Gallagher
John Soja

Memorial Committee

During 2019, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Charly N. Lawrence, MSW - Veterans' Agent

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a wide range of recreational opportunities to meet the leisure and developmental needs of the citizens of Belchertown. With the support of our community, this past year we expanded our very popular pickleball program building outdoor pickleball courts located behind Jabish Brook Middle School. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches, the dedication of our staff and program instructors, we continued to offer several programs including basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, soccer, arts and crafts, baton twirling, yoga, tai chi, Zumba, pickleball and jujitsu to name a few. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. We continue to improve the beach landscape and parking area. We offered extended hours on the weekends through the end of September due to warm weather.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool; Stingray's Swim Team, American Red Cross Learn to Swim group Classes, private lessons, morning water exercise classes, lap swim and fun family swim. Updates to the pool filtration system were done this past year as well. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular booking throughout the year.

The Belchertown Recreation Center continues to offer space for various programming The Center is a popular place to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings.

As always we greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Dept. of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our online system at www.belchertownrec.com

Planning Board

In 2019, the Planning Board continued projects from last year, initiated and pursued several new zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

The Planning Department obtained three substantial grants toward building the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail. This trail is to be a fully accessible path from State Street to Foley Field with educational, historical, and natural elements integrated with Carriage Grove, the former Belchertown State School. These new grants bring the total close to the full amount needed to build the trail. One grant was from the state's MassTrails program for $50,000, and the others were from AARP for $10,000, and the National Realtors' Association for $5,000. Team Jessica, Inc. also secured a $2,500 grant for the trail from the Belchertown-based Stark Foundation.

Commercial solar consumed the first half of the year. The Planning Board reviewed five proposed installations. Of these, the Board approved three and denied two. The Planning Board worked closely with many residents and developed a revised commercial solar photovoltaic installation section of the zoning bylaw, which town meeting adopted.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity: Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Thirteen new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. Numerous other ANR plans submitted simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET	**# New Lots**
Magnolia Lane	4
Daniel Shays Highway	3
Federal Street	2
George Hannum Road	1
Old Enfield Road	1
Old Sawmill Road	1
Rockrimmon Road	1
Wilson Street	1
TOTAL LOTS:	**13**

The Planning Board monitored ten subdivisions under construction during 2019. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The Board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board approved site plans for the Belchertown Day School, and an amended site plan for Snow's Self Storage. The Board granted four special permits for accessory apartments. The Board also granted special permits for the town's first two commercial marijuana operations: a retail shop at 125 North Main Street, and a cultivator at 401 Mill Valley Road. One other application is under review.

Planning Projects and Recommendations: The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Other Work of the Planning Board: Continuous activities of the planning office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Planning Department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on the state school redevelopment. The Town Planner is involved in the Massachusetts Resilient Lands Initiative, which is the drafting of the state's land use plan; and he is the town's representative on the Solarize Belchertown campaign, which provides a discount on non-commercial solar electricity systems.

The Town Planner manages the planning office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to support small business development. The Town Planner represents Belchertown on both the chamber's economic development committee, and the CDC's regional coordinating council. The Town Planner also is on the Board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership in 2019 was as follows:

- Michael Hofler, Community Preservation Committee liaison (term expires: 2020);
- Daniel Beaudette, Vice Chair, (term expires: 2021);
- Alice Knittel, single signature authority, (term expires: 2022)
- James Natle, Chair, (term expires: 2023);
- Justin Rosienski, Clerk; Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2024);
- Elizabeth Pols, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (Appointed annually);

Past members during the year were: Louis Faassen, (resigned).

Staff

- Lynn Sikes is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,
Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

Police Department

During the past year the Police Department continued to strengthen its ability to provide a high level of service to the community. After receiving State Accreditation Certification from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, the Department is now well positioned for an assessment to achieve full accreditation status, the highest award possible.

We continue to utilize a community-oriented policing philosophy, and engage the community in many programs and activities, including the Public Safety Night, Youth Summer Police Academy, Citizen's Police Academy, monthly COA luncheons and TRIAD events, winter sand for seniors, K-9 demonstrations, toy drive, drug take back events, RAD, Coffee with a Cop, and many other events. We are always searching for new ways to interact with all segments of the community in order to build partnerships and trust.

The Police Department continues to be proactive in finding lasting solutions to many complex issues taking place in our community. The Department is involved with several social service, community, and law enforcement, organizations, who all work together to help those struggling with substance use disorder, mental health, and domestic and sexual violence. Our Department's DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team) continues to be very active. Officers accompanied by specialists from the Behavioral Health Network, conduct follow-up visits to high-risk individuals with mental health disorders. Both of these programs are grant funded. Also, through grant funding, we continue to provide civilian victim advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

We continued to be successful with grant funding, with a total of $137,915 received in 2019. Some of the grant funding received in 2019 includes the following:

- $90,075 for emergency dispatch training & salaries
- $16,500 to provide specialized mental health& critical incident training to all officers
- $14,500 for traffic safety enforcement
- $11,000 for DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team) outreach
- $5,840 ballistic protective vests for officers

Personnel changes during the year included the resignation of full time dispatcher Andrew Ronnau and part time police officer Marissa Smith. Officer Michael Jablonski graduated from the full time police academy and was appointed a full time police officer. Stephen Rose was appointed as a part time police officer, while Mariya Primakov, Alexander Smidy and Joshua Orrell were appointed part-time dispatchers.

In 2019 the Police Department responded to 15,881 calls for service, resulting in 188 people arrested or summoned to court on criminal offenses, and 589 incident reports completed. There were 264 motor vehicle crashes investigated and 1174 citations issued.

The following lists a selected number of incidents investigated and reports completed, and/or criminal charges brought forward:

Abuse Prevention Order Violation	29	Animal Cruelty	2
Assault /Assault & Battery	38	Aggravated Assault	21
Assist Fire/EMS	30	Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	18
Child Pornography	8	Counterfeiting/Forgery	21
Destruction of Property	38	Disorderly Conduct	13
Disturbance	52	Drug Offenses	24
Domestic Assault & Battery	30	DUI Drugs/Alcohol	14
Gun Law Violations	6	Harassment/ Threats	14
Identity Theft/Impersonation	17	Intimidation	14
Juvenile Issues	22	K-9 Deployments	52
Larceny of Property	88	Liquor Law Violations	11
Medical/Mental	80	Missing Persons	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	Negligent Vehicle Operation	21
Protective Custody	3	Robbery	1
Sexual Assault	3	Sexual Assault/Rape Child	6
Sudden Death	26	Trespassing	10
Warrant Arrests	20		

On behalf of the entire Police Department and Emergency Communication's Center, a sincere thank you for your support and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Christopher G. Pronovost, Chief of Police

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works had a busy, difficult, yet successful year. This year we focused on drainage and underground pipe repairs, to culvert and catch basin cleaning, to tackling unexpected repairs to aging town buildings. In addition, the state of our town tree population is rapidly declining due to a variety of sufferences requiring mitigation at exorbitant budgetary costs. On successful notes, the DPW acquired grant funding for the implementation of a Stormwater Utility By-law and our Maple/State Street Road Improvement Project successfully met 100% MassDOT approval in January, 2019.

Winter of 2019 was best described as more rain and less snow with the thermometer hovering just above the freezing mark. Our first mentionable snowfall occurred on January 20th with the rest of the season providing below-normal levels. Overall, winter season consisted of 28 storms/42.75" as compared to last year's 32 storms/65.50" (2018).

As with each year, we somehow manage to conquer the increasingly long list of town projects placed upon us and with less than adequate resources; a few of which we have noted in the following report.

Roadways & Reconstruction:

- **Maple /State Street:** In June, the final Order of Takings of Easements were completed. In August, we received our MassDOT ROW Certification which then allowed the project to go out to bid. On December 17th the bid was awarded to Ludlow Construction in the amount of $4.8(approx.) as opposed to the originally proposed estimated project cost of $5.4(approx.). Construction is slated to begin in Spring, 2020.

- **Carriage Drive:** The DPW, along with the BEDIC and Mass Development, accomplished a milestone in the redevelopment process of the former Belchertown State School (BSS) with the opening of a new roadway called Carriage Drive on December 1, 2019. Vehicles can now drive from State Street over to Jackson Street by traveling through this infrastructure connection which is located in the industrial section of the futuristic buildout of the old BSS and will additionally tie into our upcoming Maple/State Street Project.

Stormwater Management: Annually, this Department reviews all Stormwater Management applications thus completing 28 applications in 2019. Annual Stormwater Compliance Training was held on April 10th led by Julianne Busa, Project Engineer from Fuss & O'Neil. Additionally, this Department continued to advance its work regarding the MS4 Bylaw (approved at ATM –April 26, 2017) in order to comply with the Illicit Discharge, Detection, & Elimination (IDDE) Program for the review of our town wide catch basins relative to storm water discharge.

Stormwater Utility By-Law: The Belchertown Stormwater Committee, which includes the DPW, continued its trek towards implementing a new stormwater utility that will manage the towns aging stormwater infrastructure and water quality issues. The utility is all part of a new federal government (unfunded mandate) requirement to reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff that discharges to waterways. The Committee held two informational public meetings on March 14th & 20th to gather resident input and address questions regarding how it should be funded; via Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), Flat Rate or Taxation Based. Recommendations were provided to the Board of Selectmen at a public meeting held on May 6th to which they voted to accept the "Flat Rate" cost approach as best suited for Belchertown. A formalized Stormwater Utility Bylaw was then presented and adopted at the May 14th ATM. Implementation is slated to become effective in year 2020.

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance: Duties included caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space including recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. This division spent most of their time performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, annual cemetery cleaning, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of time consuming projects (shown below), that require the proper training and knowledge to perform. It should also be noted that all projects meet the most current energy reduction guidelines.

- Repaired public bathrooms at Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Assisted the set-up for Food Truck Fridays on the Belchertown Common
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair.
- Assisted the Belchertown Lighting Committee with restoration of town holiday lighting.
- Restoration of the Town Common; grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Repaired baseball fields at BHS and Jabish School; seeding and fertilization of all recreation and school fields.
- Annual maintenance, mowing, and leaf removal of town owned buildings and cemeteries.
- Maintained and reported on all 48 retention ponds throughout town ways.
- Trimmed low hanging branches and fallen trees at Foley field, Swift River and Family Center.
- Removed Fair garage from fallen tree and rebuilt larger and with more storage capacity.
- Poured pads at Parsons field for new dugouts.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Cemetery Division: In 2019, the Department conducted a total of 35 burials consisting of 16 earthen burials and 19 cremations. In addition, 12 Deeds were issued for 23 lots. Other activities included archiving Deeds, lot transfers and sales, burials, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repairs. The Cemetery Division archives all deceased and burial certificates for long-term preservation. Along with aiding genealogical researchers we also process military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure those who died in military service are properly recognized.

Earth Day: Earth Day was celebrated on Monday, April 22, 2019. The DPW offered town recyclable orange trash bags to residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 430 small trash bags were provided to 17 participants who picked up trash throughout town including the Belchertown Girl Scout Troops, 4H Group and Friends of Farm (NESFI). In addition, the Hampshire County Sheriff's office community service program removed trash on Bay Road and Stebbins Street. The Department wishes to thank everyone who participated in this event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

Forest Management Projects – 2019

Forest Cutting Project	Start Date	Awarded Vendor	Project Cost/Acreage	Status
Corr-Welch Lot	October, 2019	Leclerc & Son Timber Logging	$8275.90/50acres	Ongoing

Green Communities: The Department has now completed its eleventh year of reporting since Green Communities designation in May, 2010. (FY'09). Our Annual Green Community Report was submitted on November 26th to the MassDOER consisting of monthly statistical data that culminates into a lengthy annual report in order for Belchertown to successfully maintain its Green Community status and qualify for further Green Community Grants.

Grants: ($378,975.80)

- CPA Grant - Cemetery Pins & Bounds - $10,000: For pinning and bound row markings and creation of new cemetery rows in South Cemetery. Status: Completed
- CPA Grant - Parsons Field Stonewall - $310,000: For the rehabilitation of Parsons Field & Stonewall located on Jabish Street. Status: Completed
- MASS DEP Grant - $5825.80: For the installation of a three sided shed for re-use as a "Swap Shop" installed at the Transfer Station in July, 2019 Status: Completed
- MASS DEP/RDP Grant - $3150: For "Recycling Dividends Program" in which payments are provided to municipalities who maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Status: Completed
- MASSWORKS 604b Grant - $50,000: For assistance to aid with unfunded costs incurred as a result of the newly regulated EPA stormwater program. Status: Completed.

Hazardous Waste: Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day was held on Saturday, August 17th for those seeking to keep a safe and green community through proper disposal methods. This year's event welcomed 96 attendees (including five non-resident attendees from Amherst-1, Chicopee-1, Granby-1, Leverett-1, and Ware-1). All totaled our event collected 29 quarter carloads (3lb/3gal), 34 half-carloads (10lb/10gal) and 33 full car-loads (25lb/25gal). Annually, we participate in the Pioneer Valley Reciprocal Program which allows Belchertown residents to dispose of their hazardous waste materials to any of the ten adjacent cities/towns events. This list is perpetually posted on the DPW website www.belchertown.org.

Safety: Our Safety Committee was active this past year with organizing departmental training in several topics to include: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walkthrough of the DPW buildings to ensure safe work practices and improvements were to be implemented and maintained.

Surplused/Salvaged Vehicles & Equipment

1987 Chevy D-30 Pickup Truck
1999 Chevy GMT 400 Pickup Truck
2-2000 Ford Rangers
2003 Chevy Silverado PU/ Truck w/8ft Fisher Straight Plow
2011 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan
2014 Ford F250 PU Truck

New Vehicles & Equipment

3-2019 Ford F-350 Trucks
1-2019 Freightliner 108SD
1-Tractor, Mower w/Boom
1-John Deer Mower

Highway Division: In between storms this division tackled many areas of work to include pothole repairs, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting, repairing equipment, and clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides. Also, this division cataloged 626 catch basins (i.e. locations, dimensions, etc.) for further inclusion into the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) to be utilized towards the implementation of the towns' new stormwater utility by-law. In addition, new 10ft. x 16ft. wooden "sand shed" was constructed and housed at 290 Jackson Street to provide free winter sand for residents.

Our roads remained well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of year 2019. During 2018-2019 snow season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $5105.19 approximately 21% higher than 2017-2018 season (FY'18/$4212.55). The total cost for the season was $334,389.78

This division was responsible for the preparations of all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work.

2019 Roadway Resurfacing & Reconstruction Projects

Reclamation

Street	Length/Ft.	Width/Ft.	Cost
Old Enfield Road	8325	22	$167,504.51
Federal Street	4390	22	$ 97,834.40
Bay Road	4970	28	$123,323.09
George Hannum Street	495	22	$ 24,780.42
Boardman Street	325	22	Included w/George Hannum St.
Kennedy Road	3940	28	$ 72,357.81
Jensen Street	4330	20	$ 19,246.39
Granby Road	6615	21	$ 29,327.51
			Total: $ 534,374.13

Crack Sealing

Street	Length/Ft.	Width/Ft.	Cost
Allen Street	2240	21	$6813.09
Fuller Street	1170	22	$7072.34
Martin Circle	745	30	$2779.16
Nathanial Way	1450	28	$3266.55
Barton Avenue	6341	25	$1265.14
Old Amherst Road	3611	23	$2022.15
Kimball Street	2288	18	$4293.18
Total: $27,511.61			

Totals: 15 Streets, Total Length; 53,562: Cost: 561,885.74 = 6.9 miles

Transfer Station: All aspects of the town's waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and/or failure to use the town's orange recyclable trash bags are identified and promptly notified. The Annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website by accessing the www.belchertown.org. Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1818 (FY'19). Participation varies slightly from year to year for those who desire to use our disposal/recycling program.

The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2019.

Recyclable	Per Unit(s)	Year 2018	Year 2019
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	555.5	497.25
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	1200	1850
Tires (single/tons)	Tons	479s	546s
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	1186	1361.9
Electronics (tons)	Tons	11.56	22.55
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	102.2	86.09
Textile (tons)	Tons	2.6	4.2

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing since FY'09 for Transfer Station Permit Stickers which are currently set at $100.00 annually and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at $80.00. However, effective July 1, 2019, orange trash bag fees increased from $20.00 to $23.00 (+$3.00) for size large (10 per bundle) and from $13.00 to $15.00 (+$2.00) for size small bags (10 per bundle). This projected increase was due to a decrease in recycling revenue as a result of market changes, a shortage of disposal sites and the closing of two landfills in Massachusetts thereby increasing our local disposal costs. Unfortunately, further future increases may be in site due to pending market changes. Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores as well as the DPW, Finnerty House and Transfer Station for resident convenience.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately148,990,000 gallons of wastewater; 12.01 million gallons less than in 2018 which was 163,060,000 gallons. They also acquired 25 new service connections of which 2 were within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 23 were in the Central Sewer System. This brings the total number of customers served to 1843 equivalent dwelling units (EDU's).

The WWTP Staff also kept busy working on facility operations and improvements including employee training, process tank repairs, electrical conduit replacement and 3 sewerage pump rebuilds. In addition, this Division also completed the ground work for a Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) which was initiated to assess the conditions of the sewerage collection system. The activities conducted were sewer structure inspections, smoke testing and flow isolations.

Other sewerage collection system work completed during 2019 included both visual and video inspections of trouble areas and cleaning of approximately 5000ft. of collection system. From these inspections, the staff was able to locate and repair 10 sewer structures and 125ft. of sewer main including sectional spot repairs, sewer structure rebuilding and frame & cover replacements.

Tree and Vegetation Control: As with every year, the Towns Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2019, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 147 trees consisting of the following varieties: 53 Oak, 9 Ash, 17 Pine, 43 Maples, 1 Elm, 6 Cherry, 10 Hemlock, 2 Ailanthus and 6 Spruce. In addition, a survey of 100 miles of town roadway (out of approximately 130) was completed during year 2019 which identified 903 trees for removal at an estimated cost of $1,073.850. All of these trees were damaged caused by weather, rot, or infestation of various nature.

Concluding Statement: In closing, the Department of Public Works is a team of dedicated employees who *tackle anything placed before them. I would personally like to thank each employee for their continued hard work and commitment towards making every day something we can all be proud of and I look forward to another prosperous and exciting new year.*

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Williams, Director of Public Works

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually, when there are available funds, to Belchertown residents in pursuit of higher education and for the purpose of providing financial aid towards the costs of college tuition, books, fees, etc. Applicants may be graduates of Belchertown High School, Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School, or a home-school program. The existing scholarship fund balance as of December 31, 2019 was $8237.84

In 2019 and as a non-profit Committee, we continued our fundraising efforts through the use of informational flyers inserted into the town's quarterly tax billing cycles. These inserts provide insight as to who we are, what we do and how individuals may make a contribution/donation to the scholarship fund. Other avenues included press releases via the assistance of the Belchertown Sentinel Newspaper, outreach to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School and the Town of Belchertown website: www.belchertown.org.

The Scholarship Committee has been able to issue three awards annually due to private and community donations which keep our account balance healthy. This year, awards were given to three graduating BHS students who each received a $1000 scholarship at Senior Awards Night held on May 30, 2019 at the Belchertown High School. All grant award recipients are commended for their pursuit of higher learning.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee was able to match a private pledge of $2500 from an anonymous contributor who in turn generously donated $3000 (+$500) in recognition of our endeavors. We also received another $1000 from a Belchertown private contributor who has supported our efforts over the years. The Committee wishes to thank these two major supporters for their continued generous support.

The Scholarship Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown via contributions which can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o: The Town of Belchertown's Treasurer Collectors Office or by adding any amount to their quarterly tax bill payment. In addition, contributions may be made by accessing the town's website at www.belchertown.org or visiting the Treasurers/Collectors Office located within the Lawrence Memorial Hall for those wishing to make a check payment in person.

In closing, we remain grateful to those who have made a one-time contribution and to our anonymous contributors who continue to generously donate over the years in show of support for what we do. Please know that we will strive to continue helping our students of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lusignan, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Members:
Erica Rose, At-Large Member, Vice-Chairman
Ruby Bansal, School Committee Rep., Clerk
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Rep., Member
Lisa Aiken, Home School Rep., Member
Brian Cameron, Superintendent Rep., Member
Sarah Edwards, Member

SCHOOLS

Belchertown Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools: Since July 2019, I have had the pleasure and privilege of being the Superintendent of Schools. I am excited about leading the organization where I have established positive relationships over the past thirteen years and contribute my leadership skills and vision to an outstanding district. I invite you to view the Belchertown Public School web page at www.belchertownps.org which features information about the District as a whole, the School Committee and our five schools: Cold Spring Early Childhood Center for Preschool and Kindergarten, Swift River Elementary School grades 1-3, Chestnut Hill Community School grades 4-6, Jabish Brook Middle School grades 7 and 8, and Belchertown High School grades 9-12. As an additional means of communication Principals and District Administrators use Twitter, a District Facebook was created, and I created a weekly message titled *Friday Focus* to highlight the week's activities for all parents/guardians, staff, and students.

Fortunately, I inherited a team of administrators made up of outstanding individuals. The daily demands on building level administrators are constantly changing and increasing. However, the problems are addressed and the tasks are accomplished. This is primarily due to the hard work and dedication of the district and building administrators.

The elections of 2019 placed returning members on the School Committee while Town Meeting fully supported funding the School Department. In addition, Dr. Shawn Fortin was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and Ms. Rebecca Kudron was appointed to the Director of Student Support Services effective July 2019.

A district-wide strategic planning committee was established consisting of parents, community members, teachers, administrators, and school committee members to create a five-year strategic plan for the district. The committee met several times to identify and establish outcomes, objectives and initiatives. I would like to thank all involved for their time, commitment, and feedback. It is greatly appreciated! The district then created and began implementing a year-one action plans to be implemented in the fall of 2019 for all schools. The five strategic objectives are: optimize SEL outcomes for all students, optimize learning outcomes for all students, strengthen and leverage positive relationships with and among students, staff, parents/guardians and community, decrease chronic absenteeism and negative student behaviors related to disruption, disrespect, refusal and safety, and establish a long-term commitment to supporting mental health, technology, facilities, and professional development.

I encourage you to read each of the following school department's contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of educating the students in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Cameron, Superintendent of Schools

Finance & Operations: The Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) school district budget was approved at the May Town Meeting in the amount of $30,013,376 which was an increase of $843,212 or 2.89% over the prior year. Starting last fall the budgeting process was initiated through the input provided by the Building Principals, school staff and the School Councils. Throughout the development of the budget the Superintendent and District staff held meetings with the Finance & Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Finance Committee and the Select Board to review budget details and solicit feedback and input.

In August of 2019, the District experienced a change of leadership in the Business Office, with the departure of Joseph Scanlon. The district contracted with The Management Solution; the employer of former business manager Ed Dunn during his 11 tenure at Belchertown Public Schools, prior to his retirement in June 2018. Mark Chapulis began as contracted business manager in August, bringing 7 years of business management experience from cities and towns, municipal districts and regionals. Long-time Bookkeeper Ann Marie Beaupre retired in December of 2018 and was replaced by Melissa Szumski, who held a similar position in a local collaborative.

Throughout the year the Business Office closely monitors and manages the District's finances. The Munis accounting system used by the School Department conforms to state requirements and the Business Office uses sound accounting practices. The Business Manager reviews the budget regularly with the Superintendent and the School Committee receives monthly financial reports regarding payroll and accounts payable warrants. Combined with the annual operating budget of $30,013,376 the school district Business Office also manages State and Federal Grants of $707,203 School Revolving funds of $604,964, and a School Choice revolving fund of $939,634 which comprised a total financial operation of $32,265,177 in FY20.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Chapulis, Contracted Business Manager

Teaching and Learning Director's Report: The primary responsibilities for the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning include assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort to align our PK-12 Professional Development efforts. We worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused, high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/district's mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our curriculum and assessment work this year has been on History/Social Sciences (H/SS) and integrating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies into instructional practices. Two teams of PK-12 educators are working diligently to update these curriculum guides—which are expected to be completed in the coming years. We are paying particular attention to the subject of Civics and continue to seek alternative sources of funding (e.g., grants, free training, and organizational partnerships).

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on *Social Emotional Learning* – including presentations to all of our educators from the Life is Good Kids Foundation and several other local professionals focused on the social/emotional wellness of the adults in our district. We also continued our work with area consultants in order to develop educators' capacity to support their colleagues as they refine classroom practices which prioritize the purposeful integration of SEL. Other PD work touched on *Technology Integration*, developing *Trauma Centered Practices*, and *Data-Informed Decision Making*.

These four themes were also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

The addition of Assistant Superintendent responsibilities to the Office of Teaching and Learning has been seamless. I value the work that I do with building principals and assistant principals on identifying the

elements of high quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, mentoring, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Shawn Fortin, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Student Support Services: The year started with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for a seventh year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State" (ACCESS) testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The Student Support Services continues to oversee special education programs and services, English Language Learner programs, Section 504 and Homelessness. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Special Education programs and services are responsible for providing educational services to students who experience academic difficulty because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay, or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or any combination of the aforementioned. Children ages three to twenty-two, who have not received a high school diploma, are eligible for special education services. In addition to providing for the academic needs of children identified as having a disability, the program provides related services to assist students in making effective educational progress. These services consist of, but are not limited to, psychological services, counseling for school-related issues, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility training, and speech/language therapy. Students with special needs are provided educational services in a variety of settings ranging from full inclusion in the regular classroom to out-of-district placements. The school district also provides extended school year services for special education students in grades preK-12 to prevent substantial loss of previously learned skills and/or substantial difficulty in relearning skills.

The Student Support Services Department welcomes Cherilyn Bulger to the department as the new secondary Team Leader Coordinator.

The Student Support Service Department continues to work with building principals to increase inclusive education for all students within the district. The district has contracted with an outside consultant to help facilitate this process. Increasing inclusive education may be a long and challenging process, but ultimately this transition can strengthen a school community while simultaneously supporting and addressing the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish.

A new initiative this year was the introduction of Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services) programming at Belchertown High School through STAVROS and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Pre-ETS services are available to students with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22 who are enrolled in or receiving services through their local high school. Pre-ETS programming is designed to offer a peer-based approach to support students with five core services: Job Exploration, Work Readiness, Work-based Learning Experiences, Self-Advocacy and Mentoring and Counseling on Post-Secondary Education or Training. Students can access one or all five of these services at a pace commensurate with their abilities.

Also new this year, the Belchertown Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is collaborating with neighboring communities in order to be able to provide a variety of workshops to our families. Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, these workshops will include:

- Basic Rights: Evaluation & Eligibility
- Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP
- Effective Communication
- Basic Rights: Transition Planning
- Creating a Post-Secondary Vision

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education to all students.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kudron, Director of Student Support Services

Director of Buildings and Grounds:

The Buildings and Grounds department is responsible for the maintenance of five schools and two associated buildings encompassing 478,000 square feet of building space.

This year we wished farewell to Bruce Officer, our long time Maintenance Specialist who retired in September. Bruce was a remarkably talented individual with a work ethic unlike anyone else. We will miss his knowledge of the buildings and willingness to go above and beyond the job expectations without any hesitation.

The school buildings underwent more than $800,000 in repairs and capital improvement projects this year with a majority of them taking place during the summer months. Projects that were completed during the year, in addition to ongoing maintenance of our school buildings included; UST replacement at Chestnut Hill, replacement of several classroom heat pumps at Chestnut Hill, Replacement of 3 classroom floors at Chestnut Hill, catch basin repairs at Chestnut Hill, sidewalk repairs and replacement at Chestnut Hill, track and tennis court resurfacing at Belchertown High School, boiler replacement at Swift River, asbestos removal at Jabish Brook and safety upgrades districtwide.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff who work every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for Belchertown students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Lebeau, FMP, BOC
Director of Buildings and Grounds

Information Services Department: This year we are finalizing the shift to Windows 10 as required by FERPA regulations (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). Windows 7 computers are going end of life in January 2020 and security patches from Microsoft will cease, allowing the operating system to become vulnerable hacks.

Currently the entire Senior Leadership Team has been converted to Windows 10. All of Central Office is now on Windows 10. Also all schools front office staff, nursing departments and guidance have been converted to Windows 10. Lastly, all Student Support Services Staff have been moved to Windows 10 machines. As of this date there are a handful of Windows 7 laptops still used by faculty that need to be moved to Windows 10 devices and that should be accomplished in the next 6 to 12 months.

Economical Chrome devices (which number over 2000+ devices in dozens of classroom carts) have taken a leading role in district, especially during MCAS testing. There are still a number of labs, faculty, and front office staff that still use full Windows computers.

The district continues to utilize Erate grants to improve on the Districts switching, wireless and fiber backbone connecting the schools and Town Hall. For example, we now have a wireless AP in every single classroom in the district.

In August 2019 our aged copier fleet was replaced with new Canon Image Runners across the district. These new copiers are fully compatible with Google Devices and are a welcome change for the faculty.

Our annual District Technology Survey continues to show that Chromebooks and G Suite (Google's Apps for Education) are well-liked by faculty and students. Most secondary teachers use Google's online classroom and students use Google docs both at home and in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology

Food Service Department:

The food service department provides breakfast and lunch for students and staff every school day. Approximately 40-50% of the student population and 20% of staff participate in the school lunch program. Approximately 10% of the student population participate in the school breakfast program. The district provides free and reduced price meals to students who qualify, which represents 23% of student enrollment. All meals served in our kitchens are nut free, and we accommodate food allergies and disabilities.

The Summer Eats program provided over 4,000 free lunches and daily activities to children in Belchertown during a 6 week period from July-August. The food service department was awarded $11,000 in grant funds to establish this program, and was able to utilize over 200 pounds of produce from the school garden through a collaboration with the Belchertown Parent Teacher Garden Organization. Because the district participated in the Summer Food Service Program, we will be eligible to offer this valuable service to children for the next 4 years.

The food service department utilized over 100% of entitlement funds from the USDA last school year, which helps to reduce food cost by approximately $60,000 per year. We continue to focus on local food procurement and have developed relationships with Sentinel Farms, Randalls, Arnolds Meats, Jay's Wicked, and Marty's Local. We also utilize seasonal vegetables from the school garden as available.

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our students and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Slattery, RD, LDN - Food Service Director

School Nursing Department: The Belchertown Public School (BPS) District has a full time registered nurse in each of the five schools. Belchertown Public Schools Enhanced School Health Services (ESHS) Grant had allowed the BPS District to employ 40 hours of per-diem nursing weekly during the 2018-19 school year. The per-diem nurses' time was shared among the five school nurses' office to assist with mandated screenings as well as to help with the increasing needs of students with medical and mental health issues seen on a daily basis. The ESHS Grant ended June 30, 2019. As of September 2019 the BPS District is the recipient of a competitive grant from the Department of Public Health. The competitive grant is the Comprehensive School Health Services (CSHS) Grant. The CSHS has allowed the BPS District to hire a

Care Coordinator Attendance Nurse which is a ten year grant position. The Care Coordinator Attendance Nurse duties include but are not limited to helping families with children who have complex medical concerns either physical and or mental health that keep their child from attending school regularly.

The nurses in the BPS District provide preventative health services and direct intervention services to the school community. Full-time nurses in the school district are required to have professional licensure status and are supported by a district nurse leader. The BPS Nurses provide direct, individualized services for all students. Direct intervention services require nursing assessment and triage, including emergency treatments ranging from minor cuts, evaluation of injuries, possible fractures, respiratory issues, diabetes, seizure disorders, dermatological concerns, gastrointestinal issues, psychological concerns, and other emergency responses. The BPS Nurses are responsible for the administration of prescribed medications during the school day which also includes storage of medications and updated medical orders written by a licensed health care provider. The BPS Nurses serve on their school's crisis team and student assistance teams (SAT) also known a Case Management.

The BPS Nurses refer students and families regarding health issues to the appropriate community agencies. The BPS Nurses develop and update individualized healthcare plans (IHP's) for students with asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, seizure disorders or other health conditions. The BPS nurses inform teachers and provide them with current updates as needed in regards to a student's IHP or a medical 504 plan. In addition, the BPS nurses participate in re-entry meetings for students who have been absent from school for extended periods of time due to either mental health or physical illness. Depending on the need, the BPS nurses are often included in parent/teacher meetings. The nurse provides health counseling on a variety of topics, such as concussions, communicable diseases, sleep, exercise, tobacco, vaping, and nutrition. The BPS Nurses conduct preventative health services, including postural screening, screening for drug/ alcohol use (SBIRT) vision, hearing, height, and weight screening. All students' health records are confidential and maintained in an electronic health record for documentation. Our return to class rate is over 94%.

The BPS Nurses are CPR and first aid trained, as well as a Heart Saver CPR and first aid instructors and provide any needed instruction to the staff. As of October, 2019 there are 123 CPR/AED certified staff in the BPS District. The BPS Nurses oversee the maintenance of the automatic external defibrillators (AED) in their schools. Belchertown High School has five AED's. The trainer and coaches at Belchertown High School have access to AED's on and off the fields. There is an AED located at the Central Office as well. BPS Nurses are trained to administer Narcan. The BPS Nurses provided a Flu clinic for students and were 88 children who participated in the flu clinic.

A Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNAS) is administered every other year to students in grades 8, 10, and 12. The PNAS includes questions regarding substance use and mental health concerns such as depression. Other questions on the PNAS ask about protective influences such as participation in school and community activities and other opportunities for prosocial involvement. The BPS results of the PNAS are compared to the county and states. The school district decides what intervention is needed to address the result of the PNAS.

The school nurse leader sits on two community coalitions: Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together. The BPS District is part of a Drug Free Community Grant with six other area school districts. The school also has a Wellness Committee that meets at a minimum of four times a year. This committee includes administrators, school committee, guidance, nursing, community members and students.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis DuComb, MEd., BSN, RN, School Nurse Leader

Cold Spring School: Cold Spring School continued to thrive during the 2019 school year, providing approximately 200 of the youngest students in the district a high quality, developmentally appropriate education in an enriched and safe learning environment. We believe in educating the "whole child" and spent a renewed focus on our students' social-emotional development.

Our integrated preschool program includes three and four-year-olds and serves as an ideal stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. In January of 2018, an additional afternoon session was added to support the increase in enrollment. Twenty-nine of our preschoolers entered the kindergarten program this fall, while one hundred and forty kindergarten students were promoted to first grade housed at Swift River Elementary School.

In October of 2018, Family Fun Fridays were introduced. Families were invited to their child's classroom twice during the school year to participate in various games and activities. This was a huge success.

After two years of collaboration, the preschool educators developed a new standards-based progress report which was introduced to families in January of 2019. These reports are disseminated in January and June of each school year. This new reporting tool was well received by our preschool families.

The breakfast program continued to be very popular at Cold Spring School. Students were able to start their day with a healthy breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with peers. Fewer students are visiting the nurse for being hungry at the beginning of each school day.

Cold Spring School is fortunate to have an extensive Volunteer Program, an active Foster Grandparent Program, and an extremely supportive PTO. All of these community organizations and businesses allow us to provide enrichment activities, additional resources, and materials to enhance the students' overall learning experiences. A local bank held a "Back to School" supply drive to ensure students had the necessary items to begin their school year. Families were very generous in providing requested classroom consumables as well. The CSS faculty and staff are grateful and appreciative to be able to collaborate with such dedicated individuals and organizations. Through the efforts, contributions, and service of these dedicated individuals and the community our students had an exceptional learning experience. We are proud to have been able to provide our youngest learners with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Mastalerz, Director

Swift River Elementary School: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2019 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and embraced inclusive teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society. The core values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, they are: respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection and resilience. Currently our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 480 students.

I would like to welcome Kolby Lafayette and Erin Young to Swift River Elementary, as our newly added 3rd grade classroom teachers. We value our interview process to get the best of the best by a multistep exercise that allows candidates to demo a class lesson on a specific standard and see the teacher's connection to students and how they engage in the student learning. Both teachers that were hired for the fall of 2019 were among many outstanding candidates of a field of over 200+ applicants. We are fortunate to have this talent

added to our staff. The new hiring's were the result of two long standing teachers in grade three, retiring Candice Tarnawa of 24 years and Lee Harder of 23 years. Both gave their all to the students of Belchertown conveying a level of commitment that only is measured by the success and care of each student they taught. We wish both of them all the best as they move forward in the next chapter of their life. Also at the beginning of the school year we transitioned a first grade teacher, Mrs. Zielenski to grade two to continue our commitment to smaller class sizes.

Over the course of 2019 there has been a lot of planning and restructuring to meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Every school year we review and evaluate the needs of our students and determine educational resources, programming and direct instructional needs. This task came with understanding of budgetary allowances and the ability to work within guidelines to produce high impactful practices and models. In the summer, leading to the fall of 2019 we were able to give direct professional development to all teachers in grade 1 and a small group in grade 2 and 3 using Lesley University to lead us in the direction of responsive teaching under the direction of Courtney Varner, a reading specialist that works closely with Irene Fountas.

All staff continue to use the Fountas and Pinnell benchmark assessment system with the expectation to administer the assessment three times a year (Fall, Winter and Spring) to receive instructional reading levels on every student. The data is analyzed and interventions are put in place and monitored throughout the year to track student growth. The first grade team has implemented the guided reading component of the Fountas and Pinnell Classroom. The structure of this program focuses on a readers' workshop model that allows students to learn in small guided reading groups, phonics, spelling word studies, interactive read-aloud, shared reading and many mini lessons. Using the Assessments allow teachers to adjust their practices and design lessons to provide skill development at each students need level.

Our One School, One story community read program is still going strong and has allowed every student in the school to receive two children's literature books each school year that will accumulate into a small library of six books throughout their tenure at Swift River Elementary. Students were introduced to "Riding Freedom" in the spring followed by a fall reading of "Frindle". Using a community read-aloud helps foster the importance of reading and encourages a love for reading and a shared community conversation. All families were asked to participate and share their enthusiasm by participating in this school-wide event.

Our technology approach of the 2019 school year has been steadily growing to integrate differentiated teaching practices with real time data to enhance instruction. Our technology in each classroom has expanded for students to research, reinforce skills and progress monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of instructional strategies being used. Our teachers continue to attain higher levels of proficiency by integrating this technology in their lessons. The variety of technologies used in the classroom are interactive projectors, document cameras, software programs that support skill development and Chromebooks for 1:1 computing. We are moving forward to prepare for computer based MCAS assessment. This is now mandated throughout the Commonwealth. Every student in grades one through three have received Google accounts to access many technology tools available to them. Students now are logging in to their accounts to access typing club to prepare them to respond to prompts and short answer questions necessary for assessments.

Our inclusion classrooms continue utilizing six different models of instructional delivery and furthering their collaborative work through additional professional development. By the school adopting an inclusive design model, all classrooms will reinforce instruction through intervention groups based on Fountas & Pinnell assessments and provide the opportunity for differentiated centers that extend/reinforce reading and writing that has been taught in the classroom. We have also implemented many supplementary instruction/materials into our daily math teaching so that we can cover all of the topics covered in the new curriculum map and developing appropriate assessments.

Our Arts Enrichment program is part of our culture at SRE and continues to grow with excitement, now in its fifth year for students in grades 2 and 3. Approximately 140 students in each grade level are participating in the program. The Enrichment Programs have greatly impacted the social and emotional development of all of our students with fewer conflicts and discipline issues that are addressed by administration. We have built over the past several years an assortment of activities all to the credit of our staff stepping outside of the box to explore areas of hands on, inquiry and collaborative exploration.

Another shining example of our school community outreach is through our music department under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Gould. The music program has undergone significant changes and augmentations to our class pedagogical approaches as well as our place in the community in terms of creating new opportunities for quality performance.

We are continuing our student choir at SRE, with over one hundred students choosing to participate throughout the year. These students perform at the Veterans Day program, Belchertown Memorial Day Baseball game, Mass Mutual Center in front of 5,000 spectators to open a Springfield Thunderbirds game and recently at the tree lighting ceremony on the town commons. We have become a singing school, focusing deeply on inner hearing and solfege. Every class is invited to participate each morning in "Ready for Music" to sing and work on developing their voices. We embrace instrumental music, ensemble and solo music and we have adopted a saying that we are, "Everything Music" which speaks to our classroom belief that we are capable and dynamic musicians ready for the next level of musicianship at CHCS. There are many accomplishments every year through the music program the most recent to highlight is our piano lab that started from a foundational approach and now has integrated using Chromebook as kids write music and play their compositions.

Our breakfast program served in our cafeteria is steady and continues to support our students. It has become a huge success for the students at SRE. Nearly 70-75 students gather each morning for a nice healthy breakfast to start the day and socialize with a few friends. We are seeing fewer students going to the nurse for hungry tummies.

During the 2019 year Swift River Elementary School responds to both academic and social emotional needs by implementing a framework using principles of our culture building programs, PeaceBuilders, with the added structure of Tier 1 & 2 strategies, which staff are trained by Polly Bath and a curriculum based program approved by the state "Acting with Purpose". All of this is in place and work continues to evolve to create sustainability throughout each year. A Behavior Support Team (BST) continues to develop continuity that connects the entire school to families, focusing on themes each month that represent our value words, kindness, respect, safety and responsibility. Our hope is that we treat everyone in our community with respect and kindness and teach those skills and values for students to carry them forward.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2019 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Sarah Dybizbanski , parent representative, Erica Fisher, parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Kuhn, Principal – Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School: At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing all students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. We continually look for ways to improve what we do so that our students can be prepared not only for the rest of their educational careers, but throughout life.

Developing the social-emotional growth of students is one of our priorities at Chestnut Hill. We incorporate our RISE values of Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy into all we do. Students participate in activities that reinforce these values throughout the year and they are evidenced in posters and other visual representations as you walk through our halls. Each morning as part of our efforts to create a more peaceful community, we recite our peacebuilders pledge. To reinforce that pledge throughout our school, monthly drawings are held to recognize students for their efforts. We continued to utilize the Botvin LifeSkills Program in grades 4-6. This research-based program helps to increase self-esteem, develop healthy attitudes, and improve students' knowledge of essential life skills - all of which promote healthy and positive personal development and promote social-emotional growth.

We continue to have a strong band and chorus program at Chestnut Hill. In February, "Belchertown Night" with the Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey Club was held. This special family event featured students from both Swift River Elementary and Chestnut Hill Community School. The 6th Grade Chorus sang the National Anthem and 6th Grade band performed at intermission. In March, the 6th Grade band and chorus concert was held. In May, the 5th Grade band and chorus concert was held. In November, students 6th Grade Band and Chorus performed at the Annual Veteran's Day Concert. I would like to recognize the hard work of both Mr. Jason Mosall, band director, and Mr. Joshua Guerraz, chorus director.

Students at Chestnut Hill have the opportunity to participate in enrichment activities that enhance the base curriculum and expose students to various learning opportunities that they may not otherwise experience. There are several 6-week sessions offering various options for students during their recess block. Some of the activities include seasonal arts, 4th grade chorus, Ukulele, Magic the Gathering Club, Coding, Broadcast Club and Chess Club.

On February 15, we recognized National Random Acts of Kindness day and continued our kindness efforts for the entire week following winter break. There were grade level assemblies, special announcements, and various classroom activities that promoted kindness.

In May as well as in October, as part of the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program, representatives from the Belchertown Fire Department came to Chestnut Hill to meet with students regarding fire prevention and evacuation procedures. In addition to the valuable information provided, this program also enables students to make connections with members of the community.

In June, the 6th grade held their annual showcase. This is an enjoyable evening in which our outgoing 6th graders are able to highlight their talents for families and friends. We also held a 6th grade graduation ceremony in June and invited families to join us in recognizing the accomplishments of our students as they completed elementary school.

During 2019, there were a few staffing changes. Mrs. Aliberti (Physical Education) retired after many years of dedicated service to Belchertown Public Schools. Mr. Mogavero (Physical Education) transferred to Belchertown where he can utilize his secondary education licensure and Mrs. Hanson (Library/Media specialist) resigned from her position. Mr. Koob was transferred within CHCS from special education to Physical Education. At the start of the 2019-2020 school year we also welcomed new staff to join our CHCS family: Jennifer Betchhold (Physical Education), Josh Romaker (Library/Media Specialist) and Amber Dutton (Special Education).

At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, we saw 173 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2019-2020 school year, CHCS welcomed 162 fourth graders for a total of 503 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

The utilization of technology to enhance learning continues to be an ongoing focus here at CHCS. Since we started using google applications such as Gmail, Google Docs, and Google Classroom in 2016, we have had most of our staff trained in the use of google applications and as you walk through our halls, you can see most classes utilizing some sort of technology. This technology allows us to keep up-to-date with the demands of the 21st century.

In an effort to make data-informed decisions and provide targeted support to students, the STAR Renaissance Assessments are given to all students in the areas of ELA and Math at least 3 times each year. The data from this assessment is analyzed and used in conjunction with MCAS data and classroom assessments to inform educational decisions within the classroom and across the school.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Karen Damouras who is the advisor to the student council. Throughout the year, she gathers with this amazing group of student leaders to plan spirit days and community service initiatives and discuss school-wide topics pertinent to the students at CHCS. Some of the activities they have been involved with include planning spirit week and monthly spirit days, organizing a collection for Belchertown Animal Relief Committee (BARC), promoting the donation of holiday cards for veterans, and creating a video related to our RISE expectations. I am so proud of these student leaders and appreciate all of their input!

Thank you to the School Council for their continuous effort in working together to improve our school. This council, which is made up of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators meet monthly to develop and discuss progress towards the school improvement plan. I appreciate their willingness to have open discussions about topics pertinent to CHCS and for sharing their ideas as we work collaboratively towards continuous improvement.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing back to school events and holiday gifts for teachers, to the Annual Walk-a-thon, STEM Night, supplementing field trips, and coordinating volunteers for the book fair, we could not succeed without their generous support. My sincere thanks goes to the entire PTO as well as all those who support the PTO for making this possible!

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who on a daily basis work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. It is my honor and privilege to work with you each day. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Principal - Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS): Jabish Brook Middle School serves the middle school population of seventh and eighth grade students in Belchertown. Two grades are now able to be served in a building originally designed as a junior-senior high school for grades 7-12. It has been our mission to serve our middle school population with a blended model that combines the traditions of a junior high school with the middle school concept in a design that serves both the social, physical, emotional and academic needs of our students.

We continue to look at curriculum and instructional needs to support our middle school students, and are working diligently to address the needs and expectations of the community to provide as many diverse educational courses as possible. Current course offerings go beyond the math, science, social studies and English/Language Arts to include full year band and chorus programs, full year world languages, and math honors courses are finding great success with our students. Future advancements in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), expansion in world languages, and additional honors courses in English/Language Arts and other content areas will require the school district to address the challenges of financial constraints, staffing and licensure requirements, and limited physical space in an aging building.

We have begun the process of application with the Massachusetts Building Authority to pursue a feasibility study with 62 N. Washington Street for a renovation or replacement project. This endeavor has been looked upon favorably by both the Belchertown School Committee and the Belchertown Selectmen to investigate what are the most feasible options with the increasing costs of repairs and retro-fitting maintenance costs to the building. I look forward to a cooperative effort to pursue both the needs to service our students in a conducive environment while maintaining fiscally responsibility for the community.

As the public middle school, Jabish Brook Middle School faculty and staff are also responding to the educational needs of our students with a balanced approach toward integrating technologies. We have been very successful with the integration of online resources in the classroom, and continue to expand these opportunities. Google Classroom, a part of the Google Education Suite, provides an online platform for the integration of technology in the classroom. 100% of the teaching faculty are utilizing this online platform to provide classroom resources online, and an ever increasing number of teachers are accepting work completed online. While technology becomes an ever present aspect of educating our students, balancing technology with hands-on instruction, and dedicating the financial resources necessary to meet this demand is an ever-increasing challenge. We are improving our use of online assessments to review and support changes to instructional practices, innovative teaching methods and the use of online tutorials. This work is anticipated to continue to provide firsthand experience for our students with the state online assessments.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, known as MCAS, which is required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates, requires all students to complete testing online. The online test system continued to show our students met state levels in a number of areas, but continue to struggle in a number of key areas. The continued integration of technologies into the classroom, and the respective curriculum adjustments, coupled with the need to adjust the educational environment to better service our student needs has become a focus for improvement and development at the middle school level.

Jabish Brook Middle School continued to provide training to our teachers on trauma-informed classroom practices. The concept is to provide an environment for students to succeed that find the daily struggle of academic expectations an overwhelming task. It is an unfortunate reality that more and more of our students are finding maintaining academic expectations a daily struggle. Jabish Brook continues to work to address such needs with the Grade 7 & 8 health curriculum, as well as the implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) as a state-mandated health screening. We have expanded our direct services in counseling with a referral system for services to outside agencies, such as the Behavioral Health Network, for both students and families to better address the social-emotional needs of our students.

The middle school has been able to combine our strong academic expectations with enrichment activities and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program has been partially restored with funding in order to provide a safe enrichment environment for students after-school, a time that might otherwise be spent at home alone. This program remains under a fee-based system, and student participation has struggled due to these costs. We believe the continued growth and expansion of this program is one of a number of steps necessary to provide effective educational support services for our middle school population. Annual fundraising efforts by the faculty and staff of the middle school level, and through the participation and support of our parents/ guardians and community, have allowed programming to continue through 2019. We look forward to expanding the opportunities for our students in the After-School Program to experience success in academic, physical and social/emotional learning.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of our middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment. We look forward to the continued development and improvement of integrating technology into the classroom, making strides in our MCAS online testing achievement scores, and fostering the overall educational experience for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal - Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report: 2019 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

In February, Ms. Teixeira, Kirsten Burkey, Riley McLaughlin, and members of the National Art Honor Society, and all designers and models saw great success with Project Runway! Nicole Oberg was awarded first place for her design! As usual, Project Runway was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent and artistry of our students.

Thanks to the Class of 2021 officers and advisors Ms. Tupek and Ms. St. Pierre for organizing the Jousting Smackdown. A great time was had by all who attended. Special thanks to Mr. Bracey, Mr. Braster, Ms. Goncalves, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Koziol, Officer Krol, Mr. Lantaigne, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Meehan, Dr. Messier, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Pyecroft, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Ruscio, Ms. Scudere, Ms. St. Pierre, Ms. Tripp, Ms. Tupek, Mr. Viglione, and Mr. Vigneux for participating. Hopefully, this event will become a long standing tradition at BHS!

Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Kirsten Burkey, and Student Council on the success of the Volleyball Lock-In that took place in March to raise money for student scholarships. A great time was had by all who attended from 5:00pm – 12:00 midnight - 230 students and 42 administrators, educators, education support personnel, coaches, police officers, parents, and graduates. A great time was had by all who attended! Special thanks to our chaperones - Officer Austin, Officer Burns, Officer Bradway, Officer Fitzgerald, Officer Mayo, Ms. S. Burkey, Ms. K. Burkey, Dr Caron, Mrs. Caron, Mr. Charron, Mr. Damouras, Ms. Damouras, s. Foley, Ms. Gramuglia, Mr. Koziol, Ms. LaFever, Mr. Landrio, Ms. LeBlanc, Ms. Letzeisen, Mr. McGrath, Ms. McGrath, Mr. Murray, Mr. Poulin, Mr. Ribeiro, Ms. Rojas-Zielinski, Ms. Ruscio, Ms. Saklad, Mr. Siano, Ms. Swiatlowski, Ms. Sylvestre, Ms. Teixeira, Ms. Vaz, Ms. Waldron, and Mr. Zielinski. And thanks to our custodians Mr. Braster, Mr. Dimitropolis, Mr. Kenneson, and Mr. Reynolds for their help with set-up and clean up.

Also in March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Mr. James Wang as an award recipient for 2019. A lovely event was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for James and his family and other western Massachusetts recipients.

Ranked first in his class academically, James is a fantastic student with a strong work ethic and commitment to community service. He is pursuing a rigorous course of study with Advanced Placement or honors classes in English Literature, US Government, Calculus, Physics, and Spanish 4. Add to this James's role as student-athlete and President of the BHS Class of 2019, and a picture of his considerable talents emerges! The active and dedicated captain of the BHS "As Schools Match Wits" team and a Student Representative to the Belchertown School Committee, James is equally at home in academic and community-oriented endeavors. Additionally, he is an interscholastic athlete, running for the cross country team. This is most fitting, since he is always "on the go," and can be counted upon to be intimately involved in nearly every aspect of his school. Even with all of this on his plate, James spends his "spare time" working in his family's restaurant and celebrating their cultural and linguistic heritage.

James Wang is a terrific young man who has certainly made a positive impact during his career at Belchertown High School. He will always be remembered fondly by the administrators, teachers, and students of BHS. We appreciate all that he has done for the Belchertown High School community! Yale University is fortunate to have him as a member of its Class of 2023!

On Friday, June 1st, the Class of 2019 graduated 164 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Evan Dell'Olio, Class of 2009, was the featured commencement speaker. A Belchertown native, Mr. Dell'Olio is Vice President of Roberts Energy Renewables, Inc. (RER), a renewable energy development group based in Ashfield, Massachusetts. Over the past several years, Mr. Dell'Olio has played important roles in energy project development and environmental services activities for Massachusetts companies including Free Flow Power Corporation, a Massachusetts hydroelectricity developer, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., and more recently RER. Mr. Dell 'Olio is a resident of Easthampton where he resides with his wife Katie. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Communication from Saint Anselm College and his degree of Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School with a concentration in energy and environmental law.

Other speeches were given by Mr. James Wang, valedictorian and president of the class, and Ms. Molly Freeman, salutatorian of the class. Over $75,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, August 28th, 701 students and 120 faculty and staff walked into the building via the orange carpet to the sounds of applause and laughter. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new staff: Mr. Robert Marchewka – Assistant Principal, Ms. Stephanie Leger – Nurse, Ms. Amelie Avgoustakis – Floating Nurse, Mr. Chris Mogavero – Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Ryan Caster – Instrumental Music Teacher, Ms. Mollie Foisy – Special Education, Mr. Jon Moro – Latin Teacher, Ms. Cathrine Daly – Chemistry Teacher. Ms. Elizabeth Rogers – Paraprofessional, Ms. Cherilyn Bulger – Team Leader Chair

Our first three days of school students and educators were reminded that it was all about building relationships and having fun. Students were not given syllabi and there was to be no homework or tests. Students and educators were reminded about our rocks and how we have to be the rocks and put our rocks into action.

Relationships:
I am a member of this learning community.
I am important and I am valued.
I am empathetic.
We Are Orioles.

Respect:
I am here to learn.
I am here to help others learn
I am accepting of people's differences.
We Are Orioles.

Responsibility:
I am responsible for my choices.
I accept the outcomes of my choices.
I am able to learn from past experiences.
We Are Orioles.

Reflection:
I am honest with myself.
I am accepting of feedback from others.
I am strong enough to change for the better.
We Are Orioles.

Resilience
I am not afraid to fail.
I am not alone.
I am capable and courageous.
We Are Orioles.

From Sunday October 6th –Wednesday, October 8th – The New England Association of Schools and Colleges visited BHS.

Accreditation by the Committee on Public Secondary Schools (CPSS), indicates that an educational institution has conducted a self-evaluation of all of its programs and has hosted a visiting committee to evaluate the institution in terms of its own stated educational goals and the seven Standards for Accreditation of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

The Standards for Accreditation are a research-based set of practices and concepts that provides guidance to school personnel on all aspects of the education of the young people under their care.

The awarding of accreditation signifies that the school has met Commission Standards at an acceptable level and is willing to both maintain those Standards and to improve its educational program by implementing the recommendations of the visiting committee and the Commission. Continued accreditation is dependent upon a school demonstrating ongoing, reflective progress to improve teaching and learning and the support of teaching and learning.

The Self-Study typically takes two semesters. However, based on other variables such as the size of the faculty, the allocation of release time, and the amount of time needed to complete existing initiatives, the time needed for this process may vary.

The accredited school should not expect to receive a comprehensive evaluation of every school program or department. The team will look at these areas only to determine how they contribute to the school's adherence to the Standards for Accreditation. The school will receive a full report from the visiting team within three months, and the Committee on Public Secondary Schools will act on that report at its subsequent quarterly meeting.

We chair and assistant chair of the NEASC Visiting Team validated what I always say - Belchertown High School is a pretty amazing high school! I could not have been more proud when they spoke so highly of you our students, our educators, our parents, and our community members. Belchertown High School is the special place it is because of each of you. And this came through loud and clear as the NEASC Visiting team watched and listened over the past four days! They were so very impressed with the relationships that we have built with each other and the respect that is shown throughout the building and of course the outstanding teaching and learning that take place every day!

Special thanks to:

Ms. Holesovsky and Mr. Vigneux - they lead the way as our co-chairs! Their enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the process was so very much appreciated!

Mr. Murray - Thanks for all of the technological support that he provided to each and everyone us. He created a website for the NEASC visiting team that they raved about. Thanks also to Ben Schrenzel who assisted Mr. Murray along the way!

Thanks to our steering committee and standard committee chairs - they provided the leadership we needed to write reports that truly reflected who we are at Belchertown High School!

Thanks to all of our students - who spoke at the presentation, were there on Sunday at the reception, served as tour guides, allowed an NEASC member to shadow them, spoke on a panel, or had a conversation in the hallway, in class, or at lunch. You showed them exactly what it means to be an Oriole at BHS! ***We Are Orioles! We Are Brilliant and Bright and We Soar Above the Rest!***

In November, members of the Class of 2020 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement – Nicole Beaumont, Mackenzie Berenson, Zackery Bohnet, Hailley Boutin, Jacob Bresnahan, Julia Cady, Ryland Charron, Christopher Chumbley, Nathaniel Courchesne, Lucas Czarniecki, Bruce Douglas, Rachel Drummond, Erica Fournier, Alyssa Fraleigh, Benjamin Gatesman, Meghan Gildea, Emma Herrick, Jack Hughes, Jahkobee Hunt, Julia Jimenez, Madison Kimball, Jenna Kruse, Aimee Lachapelle, Ava Laporte, Sarah L'Esperance, Noah Lopes, Antonio Martel, Eleanor Meighan, Caitlin Menzyk, Justin Michaels, Audrey O'Neil, Erick Poleri, Jacob Proulx, Brady Roche, Ian Roche, Grace Rosendale, Althea Saklad, Emily Sayball-Wimmer, Jonah Scudere-Weiss, Kaitlyn Sullivan, McKenna Talbot, Joshua Tan, Allyson Tatro, Thomas Terault, Andrew Tierney, Elisha Wenc.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 8th. Adjustment Counselor Ms. Frances Frederick posted the colors. Mr. Charles Sudol served as our guest speaker. Mr. Sudol served in the US Navy from March 1965 to March 1969 during the Vietnam War. Mr. Sudol achieved the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and received a number of decorations and citations, such as the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and National Defense Medal. Mr. Sudol is an active member of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and has served in-part or has chaired many Veteran support groups, including the Veterans' Advocacy Council in which he is currently the president. He

was also one of a few featured Veterans on WWLP's Mass Appeal last November when the show came out to the Soldiers' Home for a live broadcast.

On Saturday, November 16th, Evan Dunigan and Molly Bail represented BHS well at the State Cross Country tournament in Gardner.

On Saturday, November 23rd, our Boys' Soccer Team, under the leadership of Zachary Siano, won the Division 3 State Soccer Tournament – we are so proud of all that our boys' have accomplished on and off the field - Jacob Chaisson, Antonio Martel, Aiden McCarthy, Matthew Tilton, Joseph Bianco, Shay O'Neill, Jonathan Mahaney, Griffin Weiss Christopher Ingram, Ian Roche, Matteo Picardi, Zachary Lajeunesse, Nathaniel Schiffer, Kaden Houle, John Holt, Andrew Pope, Korey Houle, Grayson Marques, Samuel Rogalewski, Hunter LePage, Kiernan Corish, Owen Raines, Ethan Czaporowski, Christopher Adzima, Carson Boscher, Shea Cunningham, Thomas Vinagre, Nathan Davis, Reece Bressette.

Special thanks to Liz Teixeira and our Counseling Office for organizing our Third Career Alumni Fair. It was an outstanding morning for our juniors and our graduates! The following graduates were in attendance - Liz (White) Chouinard, Monika Normand, Jillian (Gosselin) Gould, Kara (Campora) Martins, Steven Opalenik Jillian (Charette) Hevey, William Goulet Heather (Moran) Lacroix, Miranda (Barrett) Tsoumas, Brenden Normand, Kristie Radwilowicz, Carol Hinkley, Tori Guntor, Wendy Kiepke, Lynne (Morrison) Raymer, Andrea (Aldrich) Miles, Kevin Pacunas, Matthew Lacroix, Leeanne Leclerc, Nick Cowdrey, Ruthie Sterling, Veronica Nowakowski Tamara (Barnett) Heath, Laura Freeman, Shannon O'Leary, Tyler J. Keefe.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2019 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Mr. Brian Cameron, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. We appreciate the support that is given to us at Town Meeting and the understanding that it is important to support the many unique and typical opportunities and experiences that take place in the Belchertown School District. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Vigneux
Belchertown High School Principal

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present this report to the citizens of the nine-town District. In the 2018 state elections, incumbents Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Lorraine F. Alves, (Belchertown), William Johnson (Granby), Julie Quink (Hardwick), Marie Barbara Ray, (Ware) and Kathleen Barrett (Monson) were re-elected. Heather Weston (Warren) and Shane Stafford (New Braintree) both resigned, leaving vacancies in their respective towns. At the April, 2019 meeting of the Committee, David Kirk was introduced as the representative from Warren, having been appointed to fill the position vacated by Heather Weston. Members remaining on the Committee are David Droz (Palmer), Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown) and Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham), (New Braintree) remaining vacant. At the Reorganization Meeting, David Droz (Palmer) was elected Chairman and Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer) was elected Vice-Chairman. Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown) was re-elected Secretary. The Student Member of the Committee chosen by the students continues to be Elan de Ris, a non-resident student from Amherst.

CURRICULUM: Based on the most recent MCAS scores, Pathfinder has continued to improve on narrowing the proficiency gaps. For the second year in a row, Pathfinder Regional has been designated by the DESE accountability rating system as **Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention**. The reason for this rating is that **moderate progress** toward our state set targets was achieved.

Part of an ongoing strategy for District improvement has been the implementation of a Math Enrichment Curriculum for all incoming 9th graders. This course focuses on calibrating compulsory math skills as students enter Pathfinder, with emphasis in the second half of the year on concepts tied to both math coursework and technical content. Additionally, all 10th graders engage in a targeted MCAS Preparation course, reviewing content and test-taking strategies for the spring testing period. For the 2019-2020 school year, all 9th and 10th grade students will be taking a writing seminar. This is a trimester long course that focuses on basic writing skills to assist with raising the level at which students are writing for their English courses, as well as for the 10th grade MCAS assessment.

In addition to honors level courses in all core academic content areas at all grade levels, Pathfinder also offered Advanced Placement coursework in Calculus, Statistics, English Language and Composition, US History, and English Literature and Composition. In May 2019, 37 students sat for 47 exams. For the 2019-2020 school year, additional Advanced Placement courses were added in Psychology, Government and Politics, and Environmental Science. Efforts to increase the higher-level offerings for students are ongoing. In addition to adding several Advanced Placement offerings, a new Studio Art program was created. The Art program is an elective offering that is available to students in all four grades. A highly experienced Art teacher was hired to lead the program in a classroom that was remodeled to serve as an art studio.

Curriculum on a whole is continuously being vetted and evaluated to make sure that students are mastering standards that are determined in the frameworks prescribed by the DESE. For the 2019-2020 school year, two pieces of educational software have been added into the curriculum, one for Math, and one for English Language Arts. In our math courses, teachers are utilizing *Illuminate Education*. *Illuminate Education* is a digital assessment platform, where teachers can build common summative assessments for our math courses, after which data can be collected and analyzed to better our instruction. The platform has the same capabilities technologically as the new MCAS 2.0 assessment, so our students can begin practicing with the same style of technology enhanced questions as they will see on the assessment. For English, our teachers have been utilizing a program called *Study Sync* by McGraw Hill. *Study Sync* is a digital curriculum where our teachers and students can deliver and receive their instruction on a computer or Chromebook. The curriculum makes use of all the typical novels that would normally be seen in an English Language Arts curriculum, but moves it into the digital age. It also allows our students to practice responding to questions and prompts more frequently using a computer or Chromebook, which will enable them to practice for MCAS 2.0. Including more electives and pathways in academic areas is a continuing conversation, in order to make sure that the needs of all learners are met. Course progressions in each academic area are being evaluated and discussed in order to be proactive for students and their development.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS: During 2019, Pathfinder's technical programs received 747 requests for work to be performed:

Advanced Manufacturing

- Designed and machined aluminum cribbage boards for a number of local non-profit organizations for fund raising events.

Automotive Technology

- Performed work on 360 vehicles, an increase of 43 from the previous year, resulting in a savings of over $89,000.00 for members of the community when compared to average industry rates.

Carpentry

- Completed renovations at the Ware Senior Center.
- Crafted a variety of items for local non-profit organizations for fund raising events.
- Installed a partition with a door in the main lobby of Palmer's Fire District 1 fire station.
- Constructed 12 bird houses for Three Rivers Fire District Prudential Committee.
- Began Construction of a 20'X35' cabin at Bondsville's Camp Stanica.
- Assisted in constructing the Plumbing Shop mock house.

Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management

- Hosted a Community Justice lunch/banquet at the request of the Palmer Police Department.
- Hosted a Roundtable Breakfast for Hampden County District Attorney, Anthony D. Gulluni.
- Perso, Pathfinder's restaurant, totaled over $22,944.23 in sales in 2019, resulting in a savings of over $45,000.00 to Patron's when compared to industry pricing.
- Pathfinder's Culinary Arts Bake Shop filled numerous orders for assorted baked goods for members of the community.
- Hosted a River East School- to- Career meeting.

Electrical

- Completed numerous projects at Pathfinder, including all of the electrical work required for the renovation of the new plumbing shop.
- Fixed multiple light fixtures for the Palmer Police Department.
- Installed an exit sign at Palmer Fire Station.

Health Assisting

- Coordinated one blood drive with the American Red Cross and one with Baystate Medical Center.

Horticulture

- Pruned trees for Belchertown Public Schools.
- Performed grounds maintenance and tree work on Pathfinder's campus.
- Completed tree work for the Belchertown Conservation Commission at Holland Glen Forest Conservation Area.
- Designed and constructed a vegetable garden at Camp Ramah in Palmer.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

- Completed numerous projects at Pathfinder, including all of the HVACR work required for the renovation of the new plumbing shop.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Cooperative Education Program / WIOA: Eighty-Eight students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program. This program provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu* of students' attending their career and technical education courses. In this real work environment, the students enhance their technical skills, develop interpersonal skills, and experience valuable lessons in maintaining a balance of their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. The Cooperative Education experience is a reward to those students who demonstrate positive attitudes, good attendance, and better than average grades in their technical and academic classes.

Partnerships with area businesses and our strong Advisory Committees have been a driving force in obtaining cooperative education placements. Pathfinder is committed to providing students with this valuable opportunity which often leads to full-time employment upon graduation, and intends to continue to work closely with regional businesses to expand the program.

In addition to the Cooperative Education program, Pathfinder is an In-School WIOA Title I Youth Vendor. As a result of this grant award, Pathfinder coordinates and oversees both subsidized and unsubsidized employment opportunities for eligible students during the summer and throughout the school year. Currently there are 20 active participants in the program with students who have worked at the Palmer Library, Silver Bell Farm, and Monson Savings Bank to name a few. Pathfinder strives to align the WIOA employment opportunities with the student's Career and Technical program. In December 2019, the current WIOA participants may be eligible to receive a grant funded bonus for meeting the necessary incentive criteria. The criteria include: 100% attendance during the trimester; pass all academic and career and technical classes; full participation in extracurricular school activities such as sports, student organizations, clubs, etc.; full participation in community activities such as recreational sports, Eagle Scout, driver's education, etc.; maintain a working position for at least 10 hours per week or active job search; enroll and fully participate in a community/social agency based program; begin and/or complete the Workplace Readiness Certificate Program; and be awarded a Pathfinder diploma and Chapter 74 Vocational Certificate or area high school diploma.

STUDENT BODY AND STUDENT SERVICES: Pathfinder's total enrollment was 626 as of October 1, 2019, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 84; Granby 17; Hardwick 22; Monson 77; New Braintree 4; Oakham 12; Palmer 172; Ware 134; and Warren 44. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students (20) coming from West Brookfield.

The Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received far more applications for the 9th grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year with students in pending status.

In October & November, Pathfinder's Guidance Director visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an overview of Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. *Showcase Day* occurred on the morning of November 26th with over 250 8th grade students from member districts participating in interactive hands-on experiences in three different technical program areas with opportunities to hear directly from staff, Student Ambassadors and current student volunteers. Our annual *Career Night* followed on December 11th, for 7th & 8th graders and their parents. About 500 guests in attendance were treated to a pasta dinner and had an opportunity to visit any program of interest. Pathfinder's online applications opened at the Career Night Event allowing interested 8th grade students & parents to complete an application right on- site with staff assistance available if needed. By the end of the evening, over 100 applications were submitted.

On May 2nd the Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society recognized the largest group yet of deserving members in an impressive ceremony. The group of 45 students consisted of 20 returning seniors, two new seniors and 23 new juniors; to qualify, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

At the Annual Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Palmer resident Jason Malouin was recognized as Pathfinder's honoree. Jason was a remarkable Electronics

Technology student with an unparalleled work ethic. Jason, a top student with a 4.03 GPA, received multiple awards for excellence and outstanding achievement in both technical and academic endeavors. Throughout his high school career, Jason's coursework was impressive, consisting of ten honors, five AP, three *Project Lead the Way* and four STCC college courses. In addition, he was a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society and a John & Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient. He also was a vital member of the Vex Robotics team as lead programmer. Jason, President of Pathfinder's SkillsUSA chapter, earned Silver & Gold medals, was recognized as Pathfinder's Outstanding SkillsUSA student in 2018, and made Pathfinder proud earning a National Gold Medal in Louisville, KY in June 2019. Jason planned to double major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and began attending Western New England University this fall.

On June 7, 2019, the graduating class of 125 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 40% of the graduates received scholarship awards totaling over $30,000 during the annual Scholarship Night ceremony on May 30th, with much more made available through John & Abigail Adams Scholarships, as well as awards and grants to our graduates from the colleges and universities to which they had been offered admission. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

The staff in the Guidance Department continued to work on helping students to be **College and Career Ready** through updating its curriculum and broadening its services in order to assist students as they transition to post-secondary education or the workforce upon graduation. The Guidance Department is also responsible for overseeing the 504 Accommodation Plans for more than 50 students. This involves setting up meetings with teachers, students, and families to update plans and to ensure that the appropriate accommodations are in place.

Pathfinder has renamed its Special Education Department to the Department of Student Services in order to reflect the work that is being done in that Department not only for Special Education, but also for universal mental health supports. A new Director was hired whose expertise is in the field of mental health, and in addition to overseeing Special Education practices, she will facilitate the creation and implementation of a schoolwide system of social emotional supports for all students who need it.

The Student Services Department has been responsible for executing the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for approximately 178 students. The department has offered a range of assessment, educational, and counseling services that strive to meet the diverse needs of our students. The Department works cooperatively with students, their families, academic and vocational teachers, and service providers in order to assist each student in reaching their educational goals. The Special Education Department provides a continuum of services with instruction taking place in both inclusion settings and in special education classrooms.

The Department continues to offer literacy instruction for qualifying students. The Department also continues to utilize assistive technology- including text- to- speech; speech- to text (voice dictation), and word prediction that assists students in reaching their academic potential. In addition to its investment in assistive technology, the department also utilizes *Bookshare*, which is an organization that provides books in digital format for individuals with visual and learning disabilities.

The Special Education Department has also continued to develop partnerships with outside agencies, including the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in order to assist students in their transition to post-secondary life. The Department is also working on improving its transition planning services by identifying-- and when necessary developing -- transition planning assessments to identify unique student needs.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

In February, the International Travel Club held their 4th annual dodgeball tournament, where the team of five staff members was the winner, and the Class of 2021 held a semi-formal snowball dance.
In March, the Class of 2021 held a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, where again, the staff team was the winner.

In March, both Pathfinder robotics teams qualified for and participated in the VEX Robotics State Championship at Quinsigamond Community College. Both teams performed very well.

March was a busy and successful month for competitions! Six Business Technology students placed in the top five for their events at the Business Professionals of America state-level competition. The events were in Interview Skills (1st), Spreadsheets (1st and 4th), Small Business Management Team (3rd), Entrepreneurship (5th), and Office Systems (5th). One hundred twenty students represented Pathfinder at the SkillsUSA District V Competition which took place at Bay Path RVTHS. At the event, nine students were awarded gold medals, five silver medals, ten bronze medals, and two students earned perfect score awards! Horticulture students participated in the FFA State Convention, where students placed first and third in the Science Exhibit, and third in Team Demonstration. Business Technology students also competed in the Junior Achievement of Western MA EnTEENpreneur Challenge, where student teams took home four out of the five awards!:: First and second places for the Pitch Contest, Best Trade Booth Display, and Most Innovative Product.

Also in March, twenty outstanding Pathfinder female students attended the third annual Girls in Trades Career Fair at STCC. Senior Cherylann Skrocki was a Co-Master of Ceremonies along with a senior student from Putnam Voc Tech. The female students from Pathfinder's Advanced Manufacturing Program crafted a personalized cribbage board and presented it to guest speaker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. Springfield Mayor Dominic Sarno recognized Pathfinder and called the students to the podium.

In April, Pathfinder Horticulture students created beautiful floral arrangements for the Springfield Museum of Science Festival of Flowers. Pathfinder Seniors attended a Credit for Life Fair, where students engaged in an interactive simulation to learn about budgeting for life's expenses.

Continuing a local tradition, Pathfinder hosted a dinner in the spring honoring the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Academic Excellence Award recipients. This award is given in recognition of high school students in Pathfinder District towns who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school career. Pathfinder was proud to recognize Electronics Technology Senior Jeremy Trembley.

On April 24th through 26th, twenty Pathfinder students attended the SkillsUSA State Leadership Competition, bringing home the following eleven medals: gold and bronze in Electronics Technology, Silver (team of three) and bronze (team of three) in Automated Manufacturing, and bronze medals in Mechatronics (team of two) and Prepared Speech.

In May, three Business Technology students competed at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA. Junior Jacqueline Garvin medaled in 8th place for Interview Skills, and Sophomore Cassandra Hayden placed 12th nationally in Word Processing.

Pathfinder Cosmetology hosted the 6th annual Beauty School Battle on May 9th, where students from across the State were in attendance. Pathfinder Cosmetology students placed in the following categories: 1st and 3rd in Fantasy, and 2nd in Cultural.

Programming & Web Senior Cherylann Skrocki was nominated for the Telegram & Gazette's 2019 Student Achiever award program.

In May, CAD/Pre-Engineering Instructor Justin Bren was nominated as the Country Bank Teacher of the Month. Mr. Bren was nominated by Sophomore CAD/Pre-Engineering student Jacob Marek for his outstanding efforts helping students prepare for the robotics competitions throughout the year, and for the significant impact he has had on his students.

On June 1st, the Class of 2021 held a carwash in Belchertown to raise money for their Junior prom.

Business Technology Junior Alexis DeBettencourt appeared on Western Mass News on June 7th to discuss her teen business, *Brush It Off*. Her entry was one of fifteen teams (out of thousands of applicants) selected to compete in the Junior Achievement National Student Leadership Summit in Washington DC at the end of June.

In September, Pathfinder FFA students had the opportunity to work in the Farm-O-Rama building on opening day of the Big E. Students participated in both the Floriculture and Landscape Design Competitions this year as well.

On September 22rd, Pathfinder held its 27th Annual Car Show, proceeds from which helped to defray the cost of sending students to the annual SkillsUSA competition. This successful show attracted car lovers in all generations, and was the largest in history with 240 registered show vehicles in attendance!

On October 4th, the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 hosted Pathfinder's first Fall Festa event to help raise school spirit and money for their classes.

On October 12th, the golf team hosted a golf tournament to raise money for golf team equipment.

On October 23rd, Pathfinder hosted the Western Massachusetts Girls in Trades Career Fair. Massachusetts Girls in Trades was launched in 2015 by a partnership of educational, governmental, and trade union organizations with a shared goal of supporting and encouraging female Career and Technical Education students and alumnae to pursue careers in the building trades. Carpentry Junior Avery Kozloski was selected as the Co-Master of Ceremonies.

Also on October 23rd, Pathfinder unveiled their new Ch. 74 Plumbing Program, which was made possible through a substantial award from the FY19 Skills Capital Grant Program. Secretary of Education James Peyser attended the event along with members of Pathfinder's School Committee, Pathfinder's General Advisory Committee, and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.

Business Technology students competed in the Junior Achievement of Western MA Stock Market Challenge on November 17th. One of Pathfinder's five teams placed second out of 47 teams competing at the event.

Pathfinder Robotics Team #785B earned a spot in the 2020 VEX State Robotics Competition on November 9th, when they were awarded the VEX Judges Award for their meticulously detailed journal.

On November 15th, the Pathfinder Programming & Web students hosted their first Technology Recycling drive as part of the STEM Week Challenge, and received an award due to successfully collecting 7,138 pounds of equipment during their drive.

In November, Pathfinder learned that 37 Seniors qualified for the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship for their outstanding performance on MCAS testing.

The Student Council sponsored food drive was a success as it brought in 1,956 canned/boxed goods and 75 turkeys on November 26th to support the local communities!

Several Pathfinder Culinary Seniors won the award for "Most Creative" at the Massachusetts Statewide Holiday Gingerbread House Building Competition at the Governor's annual holiday tree lighting and open house on December 4th! The students replicated the historic Stone House in Belchertown.

Students and staff enjoyed spirit week during the last school week in December. The various themes were holiday outfit/ugly sweater day, crazy sock day, and pajama day. The Pathfinder Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs put on a fabulous holiday buffet for staff and students on December 18th. On December 20th, the Advanced Manufacturing program held their 25th annual car derby, in which all 10th through 12th grade Advanced Manufacturing students compete with the cars they built.

ATHLETICS:

The Fall 2019 Football Program included new coaching arrangements. Eric Simard moved to a varsity coaching position, while Phil Gallo and Brad Lord became the JV coaches. Six 9th grade students joined the team which included 21 players.

Football practices were moved from Pulaski Park to a closer field located on Route 181. The team experienced a "building season" with 2 wins, one versus Smith Vocational and the other versus Athol.

The Girls' Soccer team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament but lost to McCann Tech in the first round.

Pathfinder joined Palmer H.S. in Boys' and Girls' cross-country under a co-op arrangement for two seasons. A similar arrangement continued in field hockey co-op as another option for our students to participate in athletics.

The 2018-19 Girls' Basketball Team qualified for the Vocational Tournament as well as the Western Mass. Tournament. They hosted St. Mary's in possibly the 1st home game ever for Pathfinder Girls' Basketball in the Western Mass. Tournament, which was a victory for the Pioneers.

Pathfinder continued a co-op arrangement for Wrestling with Palmer and Ware High Schools as well as a co-op program in Swimming with Palmer H.S.

Pathfinder's relatively new Lacrosse Team experienced its first 2 wins. Freshman Andrew Hurst was selected for the 2019 All Western Mass. Boys' Lacrosse Division III Award. Sharing the same field as both softball teams continued to be an issue to work around in terms of scheduling practices and games.

Spring coaching positions included: Andrew Dalesandro (Varsity Softball); Maddie Weldon (JV Softball); Phil Gallo (Varsity Baseball); Zack Dreher (JV Baseball); and Ryan Gonyea (Lacrosse).

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Program Name	Amount	Application
Federal Grant SPED Grant #240	FY 19 $233,003. FY 20 $240,291.	Instructional and Support Staff, Contractual Services, Supplies, Transition Services and Travel for Supporting Students with Disabilities
Federal Grant Teacher Quality Title IIA Grant #140	FY 19 $28,325 FY 20 $23,014	Contractual Services, Supplies, and Travel for Improving Basic Programs Operated by Pathfinder
Federal Grant Title I #305	FY 19 $140,972 FY 20 $141,183	Instructional and Support Staff, Stipends, Supplies and Travel for Improving Basic Programs
Federal Grant Title IV #309	FY 19 $10,421 FY 20 10,000	Textbooks, Related Software/Media/ Materials
Gene Haas Foundation Secondary School Grant	FY 19 $4000.00	Skills USA, Advanced Manufacturing Regional and State Competition.
Federal Grant Perkins #400	FY 19 $105,043 FY20 $97,131.	Plumbing Instructor Salary; Travel for High Quality Professional Development
Health Grant	$3000.00 per year through 2029	Supplies to support school nurse and PD
Federal Grant WIOA	FY 19 $44,338 FY 20 $41606	Student and Support Staff Salaries for In-School Youth Employment Opportunities, Travel and Fringe Expenses
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Safer Schools and Communities Grant	FY 20 $8,696.	Pathfinder was awarded funds from the Safer Schools and Communities Initiative to upgrade 13 Exterior Door Locks. Additionally, funds to purchase Security and Identification Cut Out Numbers, and 12 security locks for overhead doors.
Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant	FY 20 $225,000	Pathfinder was awarded this grant in order to continue to create quality pathways in high-skilled, high-demand industry sectors, and to enhance course offerings for students interested in a Biomedical Science and Engineering Pathway.
Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Round 2	FY 20 Round 2 $322,161.00	Pathfinder was awarded this grant to continue the capacity building of the Biomedical and Science Pathway Initiative award stated above. The funds from this award will be utilized for Health Assisting and Science Lab upgrades along with the Prototyping and Fabrication Lab.
TOTAL FY 20 GRANTS	**$1,137,082.**	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to enjoy huge success with over 125 students selecting 190 different program slots-- over 60 children a week!

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment. A sizeable percentage of participants from the Youth Enrichment Program enroll in Pathfinder once they reach the 9th grade!
Once again, Pathfinder offered an online Academic Summer School program designed to enable students to recover credit needed for promotion or graduation through a four-week, 40-hour course of study, which ran from the second week of July through the first week of August. Additionally, Pathfinder offered in-district students a Vocational Related Summer School credit recovery option that spanned five days and a total of 20 hours from July 31-August 4. In total, 146 students from 16 districts completed 188 summer school courses.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 44 vocational teachers, 24 academic teachers, 2 teaching assistants, 1 part-time athletic trainer, 9 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, a speech & language pathologist, a behavioral specialist, a school nurse and 9 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by the Superintendent and a group of 8 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants/cooperative education coordinator. The support staff includes 7 custodians, 11 clerical personnel, and 2 cafeteria workers.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Jeanne Masztal (Special Education), Vincent Yurkunas (Science), Holland Hoagland (Title I) and Dee Scott (Data Specialist).

Individuals new to Pathfinder included : Diana Brown (Data Specialist), Cathleen Riberdy (Clerical), Sarah Dunaj (School Nurse), Christian Covert, (Science), Erin Welby (Science), Laura Asson (Social Studies), Darlene Henshaw, (Art), Anthony Jianaces (Math), Matthew Gilbert (Special Education), Suzanne Orlando (Program and Web), April Duguay (Professional Skills) and Christopher Garrow (HVAC).

The one administrator new to Pathfinder was Erika Boulware (Director of Student Services).

Dr. Paist continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA).

BUDGET AND FINANCE: In March of 2019, the school committee adopted a final FY20 budget of $14,471,803 representing a 2.23% Increase over the previous year. The 2.23% Increase in FY20 also included the fourth year of five years' payments on the Total Roof Replacement Project. Subsequently, Pathfinder's nine member communities unanimously voted approval on their assessments during their 2019 town meetings, thereby approving the FY20 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. (Please note that Pathfinder's budget increased 1.97% in FY19, 0.00 % in FY18, 3.92% in FY17, 1.59% in FY16, and decreased 0.34% in FY15).

Included in Pathfinder's FY20 approved budget assessment calculation, the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was estimated conservatively at 65 % based on DESE's recommendations at that time. For FY19, the final Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was 77.2 % for acceptable charges. Any additional funds received were placed in the District's approved Surplus Transportation Aid Account and must be used in the following fiscal year to reduce the District's transportation budget pursuant to Massachusetts General Law.

As stated in past years, Pathfinder has generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of non-resident tuition students after all eligible in-district applicants have been accepted. These revenues are used to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce District assessments. Annual out-of-district tuition revenue for the last 4 years is as follows: FY16 @ $415,660, FY17 @ $561,359, FY18 @ $566,234, and FY19 @ 579,176. Pathfinder currently anticipates FY20 revenues to be consistent with the revenues over the last 3 years.

Pathfinder's Chapter 70 Aid has changed very little in past years with a total increase of $36,699.00 for the last three years (FY17 through YF19). For FY20, the Commonwealth began to phase in Foundation Budget Review Commission Recommendations to update the Chapter 70 formula. It's been reported that this phase in will occur over a 7 year period, beginning in FY20. For the current FY20 year, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 aid increased $591,734.00 due to an increased enrollment of 26 in-district students (4.7 % student increase over the previous year based on 10/1/2019 enrollment) and due to the high rate of the economically disadvantaged student population (rated in the 9th highest decile of the 10 subsections). **For the FY20 town assessments, the Chapter 70 increase allowed Pathfinder to mitigate the 2.23% total budget increase of $315,219 and resulted in a cumulative assessment decrease of $183,704.00 to the member communities.**

In conclusion, the state's adoption of updates to the foundation budget calculation has acknowledged that previous foundation funding was inadequate and disproportionately burdened communities in regard to public school funding. The updates to the foundation calculation will more fairly fund areas such as employee and retiree health insurance costs, special education costs, English Language Learner costs and economically disadvantaged disparities. While these foundation calculation updates are a great first step for public school funding over the next several years, we hope that the state continues to review / update the calculation in the areas such as the determination of required local contribution and Rural Aid. With these changes in mind, Pathfinder is has positioned itself to meet the programmatic and vocational needs of its member communities to ensure an exceptional career and technical education in a fiscally responsible manner.

The following chart illustrates the FY20 assessments (voted in spring of FY19) to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2020:

TOWNS	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION	CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM	3 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN	TRANS-PORTATION	RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	ROOF PROJECT ASSESSMENT	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
Belchertown	909,285	245,744	21,560	17,566	62,108	54,338	36,277	1,346,880
Granby	258,214	50,059	7,617	6,207	12,652	11,069	12,817	358,634
Hardwick	197,596	63,711	3,464	2,823	16,102	14,088	5,828	303,612
Monson	778,045	175,206	9,545	7,778	44,281	38,741	16,061	1,069,657
New Braintree	59,109	13,652	1,466	1,194	3,450	3,019	2,466	84,357
Oakham	155,876	34,131	2,495	2,033	8,626	7,547	4,199	214,908
Palmer	1,189,582	364,065	14,091	11,482	92,012	80,501	23,710	1,775,443
Ware	697,670	257,121	12,695	10,345	64,983	56,854	21,361	1,121,028
Warren	305,263	125,147	7,067	5,759	31,629	27,672	11,892	514,429
TOTALS:	**4,550,640**	**1,328,838**	**80,000**	**65,190**	**335,842**	**293,828**	**134,610**	**6,788,948**

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder enters its 47th year offering quality career and technical education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support over these years. The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY20 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However—as always-- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Veterans' Graves

For the year 2019, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South cemetery. Help was also provided by a large group of Belchertown volunteers. Additional flagging was complied with for Veteran's Day due to weather damage at the request of the Town Administrator.
This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Asst. Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2019 included a large change for the department. Raymond Janke announced his retirement and a new Veteran's Agent was appointed. The year provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the constantly changing economy and gradual growth in the job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2020 would include: 1) Continue to network resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Multiple public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, and elder care issues; and, 3) Further streamlining the process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Charly N. Lawrence, MSW - Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2019, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated. Additionally, I'd like to thank the Selectmen and Advisory Board for their hard work in seeking, interviewing and hiring a new Veterans' Agent for the Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Janke, Retiring Veterans' Agent
Charly N. Lawrence, MSW - Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year, the Board of Appeals received one request for Special Permit; eight requests for Variances, and one Appeal. The Special Permit was granted. Two Variances were withdrawn by applicants, one Variance was denied and five Variances were approved. The Appeal to the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decision was upheld by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hebert, Chairman
Brian Gibbons, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Sharrow, Member
Wayne Versace, Associate Member
Nolan Smith Fernandez, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2019

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Trust Funds & Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	3,311,449.68	3,042,499.22	559,017.57	444,044.68	4,034,291.78		11,391,302.93
Petty Cash Advance	165.00						165.00
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	412,403.91						412,403.91
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	241,392.79						241,392.79
Tax Liens	382,563.61			18,493.95			401,057.56
Special Assessments	0.00			2,618,900.54			2,618,900.54
Departmental	565,380.29			435,790.30			1,001,170.59
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(271,703.58)						(271,703.58)
Tax Foreclosures	63,004.04						63,004.04
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,031.34					3,031.34
Due From Other Governments	1,479,326.62	105,653.11					1,584,979.73
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Paya	0.00	187,500.00	1,625,000.00				1,812,500.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt						11,310,314.72	11,310,314.72
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence						259,455.10	259,455.10
Total Assets	6,189,774.32	3,338,683.67	2,184,017.57	3,517,229.47	4,034,291.78	11,569,769.82	30,833,766.63
LIABILITIES							
Warrants Payable	997,245.70	173,744.02	131,787.40	40,937.60	31,258.36		1,374,973.08
Employee Withholdings	1,087,714.41						1,087,714.41
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	(95,274.92)						(95,274.92)
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	241,392.79						241,392.79
Tax Liens	382,563.61			18,493.95			401,057.56
Special Assessments	0.00			2,618,900.54			2,618,900.54
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
Departmental	565,380.29			435,790.30			1,001,170.59
Tax Foreclosures	63,004.04						63,004.04
CPA Surcharge Receivable		525.42					525.42
Government Receivable	165,341.62	105,653.11	0.00				270,994.73
Grant Receivable							0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		187,500.00	1,625,000.00				1,812,500.00
Early Pmt of 2020 Prop Tax/CPA St	235,975.25	2,505.92					238,481.17
Unclaimed Checks	2,505.47						2,505.47
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)						(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness						11,310,314.72	11,310,314.72
Compensated Absences						259,455.10	259,455.10
Total Liabilities	3,645,103.42	469,928.47	1,756,787.40	3,114,122.39	31,258.36	11,569,769.82	20,586,969.86
FUND EQUITY							
Reserve for Encumbrances	252,310.64	0.00		35,991.59			288,302.23
Reserve for Expenditures	1,002,780.00	163,963.02		176,255.00			1,342,998.02
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,289,580.26						1,289,580.26
Reserved Fund Balance		2,684,374.30	427,230.17	190,860.49	4,003,033.42		7,305,498.38
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88					20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	2,544,670.90	2,868,755.20	427,230.17	403,107.08	4,003,033.42	0.00	10,246,796.77
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	6,189,774.32	3,338,683.67	2,184,017.57	3,517,229.47	4,034,291.78	11,569,769.82	30,833,766.63

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

ASSETS		
Cash		3,311,449.68
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	412,403.91	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	241,392.79	
Tax Liens	382,563.61	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	565,380.29	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	165,341.62	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(271,703.58)	
		1,501,170.60
Due from Other Governments		1,313,985.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		63,004.04
Total Assets		6,189,774.32
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		997,245.70
Employee Withholdings		1,087,714.41
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(95,274.92)	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	241,392.79	
Tax Liens	382,563.61	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	565,380.29	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	165,341.62	
Tax Foreclosures	63,004.04	
		1,328,199.39
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Early Payment of 2020 Property Tax		235,975.25
Unclaimed Checks		2,505.47
Total Liabilities		3,645,103.42
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		1,002,780.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		252,310.64
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,289,580.26
Total Fund Equity		2,544,670.90
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		6,189,774.32

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

			GRANTS					
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	447,732.48	(57,220.58)	(653,252.43)	207,572.05	(37,751.96)	75,541.84	3,059,877.82	3,042,499.22
Petty Cash Advance								0.00
Due From Commonwealth		105,653.11						105,653.11
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	187,500.00							187,500.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY19)	3,031.34							3,031.34
Due from Federal Government								0.00
Total Assets	638,263.82	48,432.53	(653,252.43)	207,572.05	(37,751.96)	75,541.84	3,059,877.82	3,338,683.67
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	18,470.08	25,471.03	29,295.71	32,802.36	8,656.28	5,808.34	53,240.22	173,744.02
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		105,653.11					0.00	105,653.11
Employee Withholdings								0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	187,500.00							187,500.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	525.42							525.42
Early pmt of '19 CPA Surcharge	2,505.92							2,505.92
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	209,001.42	131,124.14	29,295.71	32,802.36	8,656.28	5,808.34	53,240.22	469,928.47
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	265,299.38	(82,691.61)	(682,548.14)	174,769.69	(46,408.24)	69,733.50	2,986,219.72	2,684,374.30
Reserve for Open Space	10,617.72							10,617.72
Reserve for Historic Resources	33,161.00							33,161.00
Reserve for Community Housing	120,184.30							120,184.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00							0.00
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88	20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	429,262.40	(82,691.61)	(682,548.14)	174,769.69	(46,408.24)	69,733.50	3,006,637.60	2,868,755.20
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	638,263.82	48,432.53	(653,252.43)	207,572.05	(37,751.96)	75,541.84	3,059,877.82	3,338,683.67

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

	Capital Proj. /Equipment	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	547,679.40	(790.35)	12,128.52	559,017.57
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.	1,625,000.00			1,625,000.00
Total Assets	2,172,679.40	(790.35)	12,128.52	2,184,017.57
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	131,787.40			131,787.40
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	1,625,000.00			1,625,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable				0.00
Total Liabilities	1,756,787.40	0.00	0.00	1,756,787.40
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	415,892.00	(790.35)	12,128.52	427,230.17
Total Fund Equity	415,892.00	(790.35)	12,128.52	427,230.17
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,172,679.40	(790.35)	12,128.52	2,184,017.57

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Enterprise Funds - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

	Sewer	Landfill	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS			
Cash	361,700.55	82,344.13	444,044.68
Accounts Receivable:			
Sewer User Fees	435,790.30		435,790.30
Assessments	2,618,900.54		2,618,900.54
Tax Liens - Sewer	18,493.95		18,493.95
Total Assets	3,434,885.34	82,344.13	3,517,229.47
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Warrants Payable	27,306.68	13,630.92	40,937.60
Deferred Revenue:			
Sewer User Fees	435,790.30		435,790.30
Assessments	2,618,900.54		2,618,900.54
Tax Liens - Sewer	18,493.95		18,493.95
Total Liabilities	3,100,491.47	13,630.92	3,114,122.39
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for Expenditure	165,694.00	10,561.00	176,255.00
Reserved for Encumbrance	34,778.75	1,212.84	35,991.59
Retained Earnings	133,921.12	56,939.37	190,860.49
Total Fund Equity	334,393.87	68,713.21	403,107.08
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,434,885.34	82,344.13	3,517,229.47

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Fiduciary Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

	Expendable Trust Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	3,128,040.79	711,297.83	194,953.16	4,034,291.78
Total Assets	3,128,040.79	711,297.83	194,953.16	4,034,291.78
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	2,047.00		29,211.36	31,258.36
Total Liabilities	2,047.00	0.00	29,211.36	31,258.36
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	3,125,993.79	711,297.83	165,741.80	4,003,033.42
Total Fund Equity	3,125,993.79	711,297.83	165,741.80	4,003,033.42
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,128,040.79	711,297.83	194,953.16	4,034,291.78

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

	High School 2001	Tri-Lakes Inel. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Cente Loan	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Route 181 Sewer Project	BSS Roadway	Patrick Center	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																				
Amt to be Provided for payment of debt	4,595,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	103,000.00	302,000.00	580,000.00	1,223,203.24	805,897.48	346,214.00	1,710,000.00	210,000.00	1,080,000.00	120,000.00			11,310,314.72
Amt to be Provided for compensated absences																		19,420.44	240,034.66	259,455.10
Total Assets	4,595,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	103,000.00	302,000.00	580,000.00	1,223,203.24	805,897.48	346,214.00	1,710,000.00	210,000.00	1,080,000.00	120,000.00	19,420.44	240,034.66	11,569,769.82
LIABILITIES																				
Bond Indebtedness	4,595,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	103,000.00	302,000.00	580,000.00	1,223,203.24	805,897.48	346,214.00	1,710,000.00	210,000.00	1,080,000.00	120,000.00			11,310,314.72
Compensated Absences																		19,420.44	240,034.66	259,455.10
Total Liabiliti	4,595,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	103,000.00	302,000.00	580,000.00	1,223,203.24	805,897.48	346,214.00	1,710,000.00	210,000.00	1,080,000.00	120,000.00	19,420.44	240,034.66	11,569,769.82

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2019

	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	2,625,452.74	406,476.68	3,031,929.42
2021	2,402,580.07	304,615.48	2,707,195.55
2022	2,394,683.40	210,335.14	2,605,018.54
2023	856,901.17	114,478.11	971,379.28
2024	869,162.59	78,791.67	947,954.26
2025	490,062.17	61,594.96	551,657.13
2026	487,488.37	44,457.83	531,946.20
2027	489,963.04	27,261.93	517,224.97
2028	222,487.17	15,930.55	238,417.72
2029	124,903.00	11,506.65	136,409.65
2030	125,507.00	8,052.55	133,559.55
2031	126,124.00	4,586.24	130,710.24
2032	95,000.00	1,425.00	96,425.00
	11,310,314.72	1,289,512.79	12,503,402.51

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:								
Taxes	27,571,226.59							27,571,226.59
State Receipts	17,717,193.00							17,717,193.00
Excise Taxes	2,274,675.93							2,274,675.93
Lieu Taxes	328,707.03							328,707.03
Licenses & Permits	235,245.99							235,245.99
Interest	258,283.10	25,162.87				161,208.83		444,654.80
Fines & Forfeits	25,362.14							25,362.14
Departmental Revenue	443,848.55	3,360,398.85		1,723,663.12	319,032.44			5,846,942.96
Fees	70,228.00							70,228.00
Rentals	40,680.37							40,680.37
Umass Transit	25,593.00							25,593.00
Other Miscellaneous	117,880.09	215,631.93				1,110.00	2,400.00	337,022.02
Grants		3,206,826.83						3,206,826.83
Performance Guarantees		7,500.00						7,500.00
Gifts		276,586.94						276,586.94
Temporary Loans								0.00
MWPAT								0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,625,000.00					1,625,000.00
Total Revenues	49,108,923.79	7,092,107.42	1,625,000.00	1,723,663.12	319,032.44	162,318.83	2,400.00	60,033,445.60
Expenditures:								
General Government	2,068,327.65	584,405.20						2,652,732.85
Protection of Persons & Property	4,239,350.04	508,332.72						4,747,682.76
Education	30,504,264.05	3,780,064.71				6,100.00		34,290,428.76
Public Works	2,801,138.74	752,548.63		926,256.72	293,657.12	82.46		4,773,683.67
Human Services	946,710.35	192,172.68				10,051.81		1,148,934.84
Culture & Recreation	798,250.78	517,071.84						1,315,322.62
Insurance & Unclassified	4,668,198.12							4,668,198.12
Debt & Interest	2,421,468.46			908,378.23				3,329,846.69

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,284,155.00							1,284,155.00
Prior Year Expenditures	131,495.84			7,799.90				139,295.74
Land Purchase			125000					125,000.00
Construction			178,564.65					178,564.65
Equipment			1,008,125.00					1,008,125.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan								0.00
Total Expenditures	49,863,359.03	6,334,595.78	1,311,689.65	1,842,434.85	293,657.12	16,234.27	0.00	59,661,970.70
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(754,435.24)	757,511.64	313,310.35	(118,771.73)	25,375.32	146,084.56	2,400.00	371,474.90
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	1,149,000.00	130,037.83	298,000.00	0.00	0.00	348,000.00	0.00	1,925,037.83
Operating Transfers Out	167,147.33	1,216,273.72	298,000.00	0.00	0.00	298,000.00	0.00	1,979,421.05
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	981,852.67	(1,086,235.89)	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	(54,383.22)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	227,417.43	(328,724.25)	313,310.35	(118,771.73)	25,375.32	196,084.56	2,400.00	317,091.68
Audit Adjustment *								0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-18	2,317,253.47	3,363,221.25	113,919.82	453,165.60	43,337.89	2,929,909.23	708,897.83	9,929,705.09
Fund Balance 6-30-19	2,544,670.90	3,034,497.00	427,230.17	334,393.87	68,713.21	3,125,993.79	711,297.83	10,246,796.77

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	27,519,725.00	27,571,226.59	51,501.59
State Receipts	17,582,899.00	17,717,193.00	134,294.00
Excise Taxes	2,012,000.00	2,274,675.93	262,675.93
Lieu Taxes	328,000.00	328,707.03	707.03
Licenses & Permits	260,000.00	235,245.99	(24,754.01)
Interest	205,000.00	258,283.10	53,283.10
Fines & Forfeits	40,700.00	25,362.14	(15,337.86)
Departmental Revenue	345,000.00	443,848.55	98,848.55
Fees	69,700.00	70,228.00	528.00
Rentals	43,500.00	40,680.37	(2,819.63)
Umass Transit	25,593.00	25,593.00	0.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	22,785.00	117,880.09	95,095.09
Temporary Loans	0.00		0.00
Total Revenues	48,454,902.00	49,108,923.79	654,021.79
Expenditures:			
General Government	2,251,521.00	2,068,327.65	183,193.35
Protection of Persons & Property	4,324,701.00	4,239,350.04	85,350.96
Education	30,586,168.00	30,504,264.05	81,903.95
Public Works	2,842,047.00	2,801,138.74	40,908.26
Human Services	992,045.00	946,710.35	45,334.65
Culture & Recreation	811,108.00	798,250.78	12,857.22
Insurance & Unclassified	4,720,273.00	4,668,198.12	52,074.88
Debt & Interest	2,422,500.00	2,421,468.46	1,031.54
State Assessments	1,392,199.00	1,284,155.00	108,044.00
Prior Year Expenditures	141,722.27	131,495.84	10,226.43
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	50,484,284.27	49,863,359.03	620,925.24
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(754,435.24)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,125,000.00	1,149,000.00	
Operating Transfers Out	54,000.00	167,147.33	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,071,000.00	981,852.67	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		227,417.43	
Fund Balance 7/1/18		2,317,253.47	
Fund Balance 6/30/19		2,544,670.90	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	46,048.00	621,576.75	508,552.51	939,965.10	324,694.67		765,989.80		3,206,826.83
Collections & Fees	257,734.99		44,123.64	1,425.00	428,704.65	203,327.67	2,112,638.59	312,444.31	3,360,398.85
Interest	21,890.93			676.65	262.75		764.94	1,567.60	25,162.87
Performance Guarantees								7,500.00	7,500.00
Gifts			7,378.30	13,826.91		787.84	254,593.89		276,586.94
Temporary Loans									0.00
Other					450.00	725	29,062.50	185,394.43	215,631.93
Total Revenues	325,673.92	621,576.75	560,054.45	955,893.66	754,112.07	204,840.51	3,163,049.72	506,906.34	7,092,107.42
Expenditures:									
General Government	351,766.80			156,034.04			26,314.54	50,289.82	584,405.20
Protection of Persons & Property			75,955.17	83,497.08			109,711.68	239,168.79	508,332.72
Education			842,295.06	182,520.49	743,137.15	219,400.36	1,567,973.24	224,738.41	3,780,064.71
Department of Public Works		512,817.26		97,301.87			131,304.50	11,125.00	752,548.63
Human Services			150,519.16	26,935.59			14,717.93	0.00	192,172.68
Culture & Recreation				40,241.56			473,330.28	3,500.00	517,071.84
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	351,766.80	512,817.26	1,068,769.39	586,530.63	743,137.15	219,400.36	2,323,352.17	528,822.02	6,334,595.78
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(26,092.88)	108,759.49	(508,714.94)	369,363.03	10,974.92	(14,559.85)	839,697.55	(21,915.68)	757,511.64
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In			5,493.79	20,864.56			103,679.48		130,037.83
Operating Transfers Out				12,890.50			1,203,383.22		1,216,273.72
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	5,493.79	7,974.06	0.00	0.00	(1,099,703.74)	0.00	(1,086,235.89)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	(26,092.88)	108,759.49	(503,221.15)	377,337.09	10,974.92	(14,559.85)	(260,006.19)	(21,915.68)	(328,724.25)
Audit Adjustments									0.00
Balance 7-1-18	455,355.28	(191,451.10)	(179,326.99)	(202,567.40)	(57,383.16)	84,293.35	3,266,643.79	187,657.48	3,363,221.25
Balance 6-30-19	429,262.40	(82,691.61)	(682,548.14)	174,769.69	(46,408.24)	69,733.50	3,006,637.60	165,741.80	3,034,497.00

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Captial Projects & Equip	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				$0.00
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Rebates				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,625,000.00	$1,625,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,625,000.00	$1,625,000.00
Expenditures:				
Construction			$303,564.65	$303,564.65
Equipment			$1,008,125.00	$1,008,125.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$1,311,689.65	$1,311,689.65
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$313,310.35	$0.00
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In			$298,000.00	$298,000.00
Operation Transfers Out			$298,000.00	$298,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$0.00	$313,310.35	$313,310.35
Fund Balance 7-1-18	($790.35)	$12,128.52	$102,581.65	$113,919.82
Fund Balance 6-30-19	($790.35)	$12,128.52	$415,892.00	$427,230.17

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,440,635.00	1,524,954.11	84,319.11
Sewer Assessments	143,800.00	163,359.01	19,559.01
Sewer Connections	25,000.00	35,350.00	10,350.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	1,609,435.00	1,723,663.12	114,228.12
Expenditures:			
Environmental	980,724.00	926,256.72	54,467.28
Debt & Interest	908,382.00	908,378.23	3.77
Prior Year Expenditures	7,799.90	7,799.90	0.00
Total Expenditures	1,896,905.90	1,842,434.85	54,471.05
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(118,771.73)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(118,771.73)	
Fund Balance 7/1/18		453,165.60	
Fund Balance 6/30/19		334,393.87	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	279,750.00	316,043.00	36,293.00
Sale of Recycling	4,000.00	2,989.44	(1,010.56)
Total Revenue	283,750.00	319,032.44	35,282.44
Expenditures:			
Environmental	316,527.00	293,657.12	22,869.88
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	293,657.12	6,279.88
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		25,375.32	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		25,375.32	
Fund Balance 7/1/18		43,337.89	
Fund Balance 6/30/19		68,713.21	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Balance 7/1/2018	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2019
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$237,482.22		$27,868.44	$10,051.81			$255,298.85	$255,298.85
Whiting Street	$54,761.61		$2,965.57				$57,727.18	$57,727.18
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$5,659.02		$350.70				$6,009.72	$6,009.72
Calvin Bridgman High School	$16,726.69		$1,040.70				$17,767.39	$17,767.39
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$66,996.40		$2,929.16	$5,000.00			$64,925.56	$64,925.56
Pazasis Scholarship	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$10,222.77		$435.08	$1,000.00			$9,657.85	$9,657.85
Hansbury Scholarship	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Shumway Scholarship	$1,925.09		$85.36	$100.00			$1,910.45	$1,910.45
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$2,451.07		$295.41				$2,746.48	$2,746.48
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$4,247.72		$290.65				$4,538.37	$4,538.37
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$72,279.49	$1,110.00	$3,344.99				$76,734.48	$76,734.48
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$55,308.44		$9,473.28				$64,781.72	$64,781.72
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,543.61		$79.85				$1,623.46	$1,623.46
Nellie E. Brown	$1,971.82		$133.61	$82.46			$2,022.97	$2,022.97
Willard Stebbins	$2,581.57		$186.89				$2,768.46	$2,768.46
Vianna E. Somes	$2,824.17		$143.07				$2,967.24	$2,967.24
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Retirement Trust	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Conservation Fund	$918.98		$42.07				$961.05	$961.05
OPEB Liability Trust	$20,574.40	$50,000.00	$3,388.09				$73,962.49	$73,962.49
Stabilization Fund	$2,234,708.20	$298,000.00	$102,331.60		($298,000.00)		$2,337,039.80	$2,337,039.80
Workers' Compensation Fund	$136,725.96		$5,824.31				$142,550.27	$142,550.27
	$2,929,909.23	$349,110.00	$161,208.83	$16,234.27	($298,000.00)	$0.00	$3,125,993.79	$3,125,993.79

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Balance 7/1/2018	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2019
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	168,937.14	2,400.00		171,337.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00			300.00
	708,897.83	2,400.00		711,297.83

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Encumbered to FY20
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Selectmen	$17,566.00	$14,365.42		$3,200.58		
Town Administrator	$261,867.00	$261,457.11		$409.89		
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00		$100.00		
Cable TV Access	$1,500.00	$1,413.92		$86.08		
Cable TV Operations	$90,000.00	$40,909.86	*	$49,090.14		$264.00
tv5 capital	$125,000.00	$83,294.91		$41,705.09		
Finance Committee	$250.00	$210.00		$40.00		
Reserve Fund	$4,900.00	$0.00		$4,900.00	**	
Town Accountant	$231,031.00	$223,772.71		$7,258.29		$7,000.00
Computer Director	$365,858.00	$353,680.14		$12,177.86		
Assessors	$342,706.00	$329,745.79		$12,960.21		$7,000.00
Treasurer/Collector	$321,876.00	$315,639.85		$6,236.15		$534.08
Law Account	$85,300.00	$52,397.51		$32,902.49		$4,002.85
Town Clerk	$151,578.00	$148,633.72		$2,944.28		
Election & Registration	$43,034.00	$36,096.92		$6,937.08		
Conservation Commission	$82,818.00	$82,449.63		$368.37		
Pioneer Valley Planning	$2,365.00	$2,364.06		$0.94		
Planning Board	$101,032.00	$100,885.19		$146.81		
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,750.00	$1,745.76		$1,004.24		$34.15
EDIC	$390.00	$366.49		$23.51		
Agricultural Commission	$500.00	$233.59		$266.41		
Lakes Committee	$17,000.00	$17,000.00		$0.00		
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00		$100.00		
Printing Town Report	$2,000.00	$1,665.07		$334.93		
	$2,251,521.00	$2,068,327.65		$183,193.35		$18,835.08
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY						
Police Department	$2,274,233.00	$2,236,179.15		$38,053.85		$1,000.00
Fire/EMS Department	$1,712,680.00	$1,691,373.49		$21,306.51		
Hydrant Service	$27,656.00	$27,656.00		$0.00		
Injured on Duty	$8,000.00	$75.00		$7,925.00		
Regional Lockup Assessment	$13,917.00	$13,917.00		$0.00		
Inspection Services	$179,600.00	$164,311.18		$15,288.82		$950.72
Civil Defense	$1,560.00	$650.00		$910.00		
Dog Officer	$107,055.00	$105,188.22		$1,866.78		
	$4,324,701.00	$4,239,350.04		$85,350.96		$1,950.72
EDUCATION						
Town Schools	$29,170,164.00	$29,088,260.05	*	$81,903.95		$81,903.95
Regional School	$1,416,004.00	$1,416,004.00		$0.00		
	$30,586,168.00	$30,504,264.05		$81,903.95		$81,903.95

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY20
PUBLIC WORKS					
Personal Services	$910,314.00	$908,814.46		$1,499.54	
Professional Engineering	$78,390.00	$43,921.42		$34,468.58	$30,495.00
Administration	$20,570.00	$20,534.23		$35.77	
Snow & Ice Control	$318,823.00	$318,238.26	*	$584.74	
Street Lighting	$27,700.00	$27,697.11		$2.89	
Road Machinery	$196,500.00	$196,478.83		$21.17	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$168,000.00	$167,796.74		$203.26	
Town Garage	$36,085.00	$35,974.72		$110.28	
Hired Services	$244,065.00	$244,017.13		$47.87	
Maintenance/Grounds	$484,695.00	$484,659.38		$35.62	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$71,320.00	$71,297.29		$22.71	
Finnerty House	$7,970.00	$7,905.27		$64.73	
EMS Building	$10,560.00	$10,305.49		$254.51	
Police Station	$50,325.00	$48,197.63		$2,127.37	$1,935.00
Senior Center Building	$46,830.00	$46,609.30		$220.70	
Recreation Building	$20,425.00	$20,423.17		$1.83	
Freedom Center	$19,100.00	$18,907.68		$192.32	
Fam Ctr/Franklin School Buildir	$9,840.00	$9,802.34		$37.66	
Fire Station	$38,190.00	$38,154.01		$35.99	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$22,621.00	$22,444.30		$176.70	
Animal Control Building	$11,699.00	$11,341.56		$357.44	
Old Town Hall	$8,675.00	$8,655.84		$19.16	
Town Common	$5,550.00	$5,528.76		$21.24	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00		$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$33,200.00	$32,833.82		$366.18	
	$2,842,047.00	$2,801,138.74		$40,908.26	$32,430.00
HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health	$46,931.00	$36,931.73		$9,999.27	$382.89
Quabbin Health District	$163,912.00	$163,912.24		($0.24)	
Council on Aging	$505,137.00	$491,846.87		$13,290.13	
Veterans' Services	$276,065.00	$254,019.51		$22,045.49	
	$992,045.00	$946,710.35		$45,334.65	$382.89
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Clapp Memorial Library	$498,631.00	$490,034.59		$8,596.41	
Recreation Department	$277,004.00	$273,602.79		$3,401.21	
Recreation - Pool	$32,775.00	$32,597.40		$177.60	
Town Beach	$1,550.00	$1,550.00		$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$466.00		$34.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$0.00		$348.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00		$300.00	
	$811,108.00	$798,250.78		$12,857.22	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY20
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$56,350.00	$47,711.62	$8,638.38	
Council of Governments	$3,750.00	$0.00	$3,750.00	
Pensions	$2,907,783.00	$2,907,783.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$8,000.00	$0.00	$8,000.00	
Unemployment	$15,000.00	$9,456.20	$5,543.80	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$1,197,866.00	$1,195,555.38	$2,310.62	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,548.00	$2,759.83	$1,788.17	
Medicare-Town Share	$120,656.00	$108,343.22	$12,312.78	
General Insurance	$390,219.00	$380,488.00	$9,731.00	
One-time/Capital			$0.00	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$16,101.00	$16,100.87	$0.13	
	$4,720,273.00	$4,668,198.12	$52,074.88	$0.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,030,000.00	$2,030,000.00	$0.00	
Interest	$392,500.00	$391,468.46	$1,031.54	
	$2,422,500.00	$2,421,468.46	$1,031.54	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$17,572.67	$15,948.21	$1,624.46	$1,500.00
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$3,225.81	$3,225.81	$0.00	
School Department	$48,578.78	$44,733.71	$3,845.07	
Public Works	$63,384.15	$58,627.25	$4,756.90	$3,901.48
Unclassified	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Human Services	$305.80	$305.80	$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	$72.56	$72.56	$0.00	
Capital & one time	$8,582.50	$8,582.50	$0.00	
	$141,722.27	$131,495.84	$10,226.43	$5,401.48

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY20
SUMMARY				
General Government	$2,251,521.00	$2,068,327.65	$183,193.35	$18,835.08
Protection of Persons/Property	$4,324,701.00	$4,239,350.04	$85,350.96	$1,950.72
Education	$30,586,168.00	$30,504,264.05	$81,903.95	$81,903.95
Public Works	$2,842,047.00	$2,801,138.74	$40,908.26	$32,430.00
Human Services	$992,045.00	$946,710.35	$45,334.65	$382.89
Culture & Recreation	$811,108.00	$798,250.78	$12,857.22	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$4,720,273.00	$4,668,198.12	$52,074.88	$0.00
Debt & Interest	$2,422,500.00	$2,421,468.46	$1,031.54	$0.00
	$48,950,363.00	$48,447,708.19	$502,654.81	$135,502.64
Encumbered Funds	$141,722.27	$131,495.84	$10,226.43	$5,401.48
TOTALS	$49,092,085.27	$48,579,204.03	$512,881.24	$140,904.12

* Unencumbered balance of Cable tv access channel ops goes back to Receipts Reserved acct, eoy
**Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Report of Town Treasurer -- July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2018	$ 12,003,729.03	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 68,986,875.13	
RECEIPTS	$ 68,374,449.03	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2019	$ 11,391,302.93	
	$ 80,378,178.06		$ 80,378,178.06	

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 80,908.37

ACCOUNT	TRUST FUNDS BALANCE 7/1/2018	AND DEPOSITS	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2019
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 22,726.69		$ 1,040.70		$ 23,767.39
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 7,659.02		$ 350.70		$ 8,009.72
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$ 6,624.78	$ 6,297.95	$ 48.09	$ (3,000.00)	$ 9,970.82
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 66,996.40		$ 2,929.16	$ (5,000.00)	$ 64,925.56
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 10,222.77		$ 435.08	$ (1,000.00)	$ 9,657.85
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	$ 1,925.09		$ 85.36	$ (100.00)	$ 1,910.45
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,743.61		$ 79.85		$ 1,823.46
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 4,081.57		$ 186.89		$ 4,268.46
VIANNA SOMES	$ 3,124.17		$ 143.07		$ 3,267.24
NELLIE BROWN	$ 2,971.82		$ 133.61	$ (82.46)	$ 3,022.97
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 224,245.58	$ 2,400.00	$ 9,473.28		$ 236,118.86
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 750,910.84		$ 29,389.82	$ (11,440.82)	$ 768,859.84
WHITING STREET	$ 64,761.61		$ 2,965.57		$ 67,727.18
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 6,347.72		$ 290.65		$ 6,638.37
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 6,451.07		$ 295.41		$ 6,746.48
CONSERVATION	$ 918.98		$ 42.07		$ 961.05
SENIOR CENTER	$ 72,279.49	$ 1,110.00	$ 3,344.99		$ 76,734.48
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 2,234,708.20		$ 102,331.60		$ 2,337,039.80
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 136,725.96		$ 5,824.31		$ 142,550.27
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$ 10,142.34	$ 15,589.55	$ 491.11	$ (14,599.19)	$ 11,623.81
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$ 12,311.59	$ 27,192.66	$ 676.65	$ (23,227.08)	$ 16,953.82
OPEB	$ 20,574.40	$ 50,000.00	$ 3,388.09		$ 73,962.49
TOTALS	**$ 3,668,453.70**	**$ 102,590.16**	**$ 163,946.06**	**$ (58,449.55)**	**$ 3,876,540.37**

FOOTNOTE: It is the policy of this office based on the request of the Town's financial audit firm that we record to the market values of the investments in our portfolio. As interest rates continue to rise the market value tends to track lower than the redemption value. Position and account values shown are based on trade date and do not necessarily reflect the actual current market prices or redemption value at the time of sale. Over 87% of the Town's investments are held in fixed income products and all investments are made in compliance of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 55, 55B and M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Sec 20

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018- JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#998-FISCAL 2019 CAPITAL BAN	U S BANK NATIONAL ASSN	10/30/2018	$ 1,500,000.00	10/30/2019	2.45%
#999-PARSONS FIELD/ N WASH ST LAND	T D BANK	6/5/2019	$ 312,500.00	6/5/2020	2.14%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019

FISCAL 2016 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 1,022.33
REFUNDED		$ 1.51
COLLECTED	$ 1,023.84	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 1,023.84	$ 1,023.84
FISCAL 2017 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 42,499.48
TO TAX TITLE	$ 4,097.35	
COLLECTED	$ 37,990.08	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ 412.05	
	$ 42,499.48	$ 42,499.48
FISCAL 2018 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 289,402.79
REFUNDED		$ 256.41
TO TAX TITLE	$ 34,042.79	
COLLECTED	$ 237,126.45	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 18,489.96	
	$ 289,659.20	$ 289,659.20
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2018		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 3,445.22
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 31,071.48
COLLECTED	$ 34,516.70	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 34,516.70	$ 34,516.70
FISCAL 2019 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 13,017,918.68
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 13,898,576.88
REFUNDED		$ 110,057.51
TO TAX TITLE	$ 61,610.07	
ABATED	$ 141,970.05	
COLLECTED	$ 26,444,321.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ 378,651.24	
	$ 27,026,553.07	$ 27,026,553.07
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2019		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 65,255.48
COLLECTED	$ 57,470.15	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 7,785.33	
	$ 65,255.48	$ 65,255.48
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2020		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 13,619,454.46
COLLECTED	$ 234,211.08	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 13,385,243.38	
	$ 13,619,454.46	$ 13,619,454.46
2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 5,858.82
ABATED	$ 5,732.57	
COLLECTED	$ 126.25	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 5,858.82	$ 5,858.82

CPA 2017		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 205.55
COLLECTED	$ 205.55	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 205.55	$ 205.55
CPA 2018		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 2,037.37
REFUNDED		$ 419.57
TO TAX TITLE	$ 130.86	
COLLECTED	$ 2,186.76	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 139.32	
	$ 2,456.94	$ 2,456.94
CPA 2019		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 122,611.38
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 134,903.59
REFUNDED		$ 863.13
TO TAX TITLE	$ 402.30	
ABATED	$ 2,131.34	
COLLECTED	$ 252,952.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ 2,892.02	
	$ 258,378.10	$ 258,378.10
CPA 2020		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 130,008.93
COLLECTED	$ 2,505.92	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 127,503.01	
	$ 130,008.93	$ 130,008.93
2017 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018		$ 86.24
COLLECTED	$ 86.24	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 86.24	$ 86.24
2018 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 439,929.15
REFUNDED		$ 4,303.69
COLLECTED	$ 444,232.84	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 444,232.84	$ 444,232.84
2018 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018		$ 2,904.12
TO TAX TITLE	$ 930.68	
COLLECTED	$ 1,973.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$ -	
	$ 2,904.12	$ 2,904.12
2019 SEWER CHARGES		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,517,491.62
REFUNDED		$ 6,139.39
ABATED	$ 9,883.43	
COLLECTED	$ 1,078,740.46	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$ 435,007.12	
	$ 1,523,631.01	$ 1,523,631.01

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	7,490.63
ABATED	$	6,759.17		
COLLECTED	$	731.46		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	-		
	$	7,490.63	$	7,490.63
2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018			$	7,207.22
ABATED	$	32.50		
COLLECTED	$	1,153.86		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$	6,020.86		
	$	7,207.22	$	7,207.22
2016 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	11,998.40
REFUND			$	3,011.39
ABATED	$	3,243.27		
COLLECTED	$	4,138.97		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	7,627.55		
	$	15,009.79	$	15,009.79
2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	37,059.80
REFUNDED			$	1,062.55
ABATED	$	1,360.46		
COLLECTED	$	21,035.17		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	15,726.72		
	$	38,122.35	$	38,122.35
2018 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018			$	238,568.90
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	235,189.57
REFUNDED			$	19,139.00
ABATED	$	29,835.09		
COLLECTED	$	432,931.59		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$	30,130.79		
	$	492,897.47	$	492,897.47
2019 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	1,986,134.90
REFUNDED			$	12,585.66
ABATED	$	66,465.17		
COLLECTED	$	1,750,368.52		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	181,886.87		
	$	1,998,720.56	$	1,998,720.56
2017 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	398.62
COLLECTED	$	398.62		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	-		
	$	398.62	$	398.62
2018 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	4,080.73
COLLECTED	$	4,080.73		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	-		
	$	4,080.73	$	4,080.73

2019 SEWER LIENS				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	80,909.51
TO TAX TITLE	$	3,058.44		
COLLECTED	$	77,067.89		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	783.18		
	$	80,909.51	$	80,909.51
FISCAL 2014 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	62.95
COLLECTED	$	62.95		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	-		
	$	62.95	$	62.95
FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	2,826.67
COLLECTED	$	694.37		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	2,132.30		
	$	2,826.67	$	2,826.67
FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	1,982.45
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	1,982.45		
	$	1,982.45	$	1,982.45
FISCAL 2017 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	1,919.37
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	1,919.37		
	$	1,919.37	$	1,919.37
FISCAL 2018 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	5,339.16
COLLECTED	$	3,202.56		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	2,136.60		
	$	5,339.16	$	5,339.16
FISCAL 2019 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018			$	316,968.81
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	330,690.11
REFUNDED			$	1,182.33
COLLECTED	$	642,161.31		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$	6,679.94		
	$	648,841.25	$	648,841.25
FISCAL 2020 PERS PROP				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	334,328.27
COLLECTED	$	1,764.17		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	332,564.10		
	$	334,328.27	$	334,328.27
COMSTAR				
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2018			$	599,204.72
COMMITTED FOR COLL			$	2,966,697.95
REFUNDED			$	1,139.21
ABATED	$	2,065,980.45		
COLLECTED	$	943,466.47		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	557,594.96		
	$	3,567,041.88	$	3,567,041.88

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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2019 TRILAKES BETT				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	137,766.60
REFUNDED			$	19.73
TO TAX TITLE	$	1,354.46		
COLLECTED	$	134,481.29		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2019	$	1,950.58		
	$	137,786.33	$	137,786.33
TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018			$	810,523.26
COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE			$	90.60
REFUNDED			$	19.73
APPORTIONED FY19 RE	$	133,114.71		
COLLECTED	$	25,095.33		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$	652,423.55		
	$	810,633.59	$	810,633.59
MISCELLANEOUS REC.				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2018				9543.00
COMMITTED				26088.45
COLLECTED	$	29,839.49		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2019	$	5,791.96		
	$	75,497.06	$	75,497.06

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR		
JULY 1, 2018- JUNE 30,2019		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 32,070,712.91
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 943,466.47
	TOTAL	$ 33,020,477.33
TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 31,641,197.28
INTEREST/FEES		$ 171,264.03
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 6,297.95
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT		$ 258,251.60
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 943,466.47
	TOTAL	$ 33,020,477.33

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

TOWN CLERK
2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	740.00	1300.00	980.00	930.00	500.00	1380.00	1010.00	840.00	1340.00	970.00	840.00	600.00	11430.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	120.00	30.00	120.00	30.00	90.00	240.00	120.00	240.00	240.00	150.00	210.00	60.00	1650.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
BURIAL PERMIT	75.00	60.00	15.00	45.00	15.00	105.00	105.00	60.00	45.00	60.00	30.00	45.00	660.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	400.00	360.00	680.00	440.00	280.00	240.00	240.00	640.00	370.00	480.00	40.00	200.00	4370.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
ONLINE DOG LICENSE	310.00	348.00	540.00	334.00	142.00	178.00	32.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1892.00
ONLINE DOG FINES	0.00	0.00	90.00	310.00	260.00	540.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1280.00
ADMIN. FEE ONLINE LIC	0.00	0.00	75.00	39.00	19.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.50
DOG FINES	0.00	134.00	293.00	787.00	670.00	4202.50	1510.00	830.00	581.50	60.00	150.00	0.00	9218.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
DOG LICENSE	8935.00	8053.00	2692.00	915.00	409.00	1101.00	626.00	373.00	323.00	62.00	2644.00	4038.00	30171.00
DOG GIFT FUND	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	0.00	0.00	2050.00	300.00	0.00	190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2540.00
PARKING CITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	1050.00	650.00	300.00	1550.00	5185.00	1225.00	1200.00	0.00	500.00	50.00	1750.00	1640.00	15100.00
POLE ORDER	60.00	30.00	180.00	0.00	60.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	420.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	30.00	0.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	75.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
MSC SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.00	76.00	148.00	229.00
TOTAL	11820.00	10965.00	8352.00	5860.00	7660.50	9539.00	5259.00	3163.00	3817.00	2194.00	5770.00	6831.00	81230.50

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK
2019 VITAL STATISTICS

Births:

Place	Male	Female
Belchertown		1
Boston		1
Gardner		1
Greenfield	1	3
Holyoke	2	1
Northampton	13	17
Springfield	40	37
	56	61

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	43	54
Non-Resident	23	18

Married in Belchertown: 33
Married Out-of-Town: 37

Deaths:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	64	58
Non-Resident	2	2
	66	60

Place of Death:

Amherst	5	Newburyport	1
Barnstable	1	Northampton	5
Belchertown	42	Palmer	16
Chicopee	1	South Hadley	5
Dedham	1	Springfield	32
East Longmeadow	1	West Brookfield	1
Hadley	5	Westfield	1
Hampden	1	Wilbraham	1
Holyoke	5	Worcester	1
Longmeadow	1		

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN - MAY 20, 2019

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen	George D. Archible		116	86	128	78	408
3 years	Edward G. Boscher		166	112	151	122	551
Vote for two	Jennifer D. Turner		152	134	137	175	598
	Blanks		82	49	75	86	292
	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	1	3	7
		Total	518	382	492	464	1856
School Committee	Diane O. Brown		198	161	196	177	732
3 years	Blanks		59	30	49	55	193
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	1	0	3
		Total	259	191	246	232	928
Planning Board	Justin M Rosienski		191	143	186	171	691
5 years	Blanks		68	48	60	61	237
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	259	191	246	232	928
Planning Board	James J. Natle		192	154	185	178	709
4 years	Blanks		67	37	60	54	218
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	0	1
		Total	259	191	246	232	928
Planning Board	Alice G. Knittel		188	153	179	172	692
3 years	Blanks		71	38	67	60	236
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	259	191	246	232	928
Board of Assessors	Raymond G. Goff		195	152	196	162	705
3 years	Blanks		64	39	49	70	222
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	0	1
		Total	259	191	246	232	928
Board of Health	Leeanne Connolly		186	143	166	154	649
3 years	James F. Potter		190	141	183	150	664
Vote for two	Blanks		142	98	143	160	543
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	518	382	492	464	1856
Housng Authority	Marie L. Ciosek		192	152	182	150	676
5 years	Brian J. Rooney		174	132	158	134	598
Vote for two	Blanks		152	98	151	179	580
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	1	2
		Total	518	382	492	464	1856
Belchertown Registered Voters		PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	682	645	637	796	2760
		Republican	345	385	432	251	1413
		Libertarian	7	15	5	18	45
		Unenrolled	1484	1620	1594	1509	6207
		Other	34	29	30	25	118
		Total	2552	2694	2698	2599	10543
	% Vote Cast						
	8.80%	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
			259	191	246	232	928

Attest: Colleen Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 13, 2019 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY19
Moderator – Joseph Bernard
Meeting called to order 7:09pm
Registered voters present – 340 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Town Accountant Wage	$2,700.00	Town Accountant Expense
Veterans' Benefits	$45,000.00	Snow Removal
Council on Aging Wage	$31,823.00	Snow Removal
Recreation Dept. Wage	$12,000.00	Health Insurance – Town Share
Council on Aging Wage	$5,000.00	Highway Road Machinery
Recreation Dept. Wage	$2,000.00	Sr. Center Building
Treasurer Wage	$4,000.00	Lawrence Memorial Hall
Council on Aging Wage	$2,000.00	Recreation Building
Council on Aging Wage	$1,000.00	Freedom Center
General Insurance	$10,000.00	Highway Hired Services
Computing Wage	$5,565.00	Highway Hired Services
Council on Aging Wage	$200.00	Hydrants
Street Lighting	$7,000.00	Road Machinery
Computing Expense	$7,828.00	Fire Department Expense

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Passed Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer the sum of $11,000.00 from the Accounting Wage Account and the sum of $5,101.12 from the Council of Aging Account, for a total sum of $16,101.12 to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

- Belchertown Auto Parts, dba NAPA , miscellaneous invoices $16,101.12

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 9/10 Required–Passed Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to transfer the sum of $298,000.00 from the FY19 One-Time/Capital Expense Account to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Passed Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate the sum of $125,000 and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum of money under G.L. c. 44, §7, or any other enabling authority for the purpose of acquiring the parcels of land located on North Washington Street, and identified on Assessors Map 249, as Parcels 111.3 (Plan Lot 138C), consisting of .981 acres, and Lot 111.4 (Plan Lot 138D), consisting of 1.07 acres, and shown on a plan prepared by Thomas Wilson & Associates, dated August 20, 1996, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 181, Page 163, and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to or a lesser interest in said parcels by gift, purchase and/or eminent domain for general municipal purposes on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit,

on behalf of the Town, any and all applications for any grants and/or reimbursements and to accept and expend any such grants or reimbursements for the purposes set forth herein, and to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this vote. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Passed Unanimous Yes)

Meeting Adjourned 7:20PM

Attest:
Colleen Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 13, 2019
FY19

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING
1	$136,116.00	$2,700.00 from Town Accountant Wage to Town Accountant Expense; $45,000 from Veteran's Benefits to Snow Removal; $31,823.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Snow Removal; $12,000.00 from Recreation Dept. Wage to Health Insurance-Town Share; $5,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Highway Road Machinery; $2,000.00 from Recreation Dept. Wage to Senior Ctr Building; $4,000.00 from Treasurer Wage to Lawrence Memorial Hall; $2,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Recreation Building; $1,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Freedom Ctr; $10,000.00 from General Insurance to Highway Hired Services; $5,565.00 from Computing Wage to Highway Hired Services; $200.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Hydrants; $7,000.00 from Street Lighting to Road Machinery; $7,828.00 from Computing Expense to Fire Hydrant Expense	
2	$16,101.12	$11,000.00 from the Accounting Wage account, $5,101.12 from the Council on Aging Account to the following unpaid prior year bill – Belchertown Auto Parts, dba NAPA, miscellaneous invoices.	
3	$298,000.00	$298,000.00 from the FY19 One-Time/Capital Expense Account to the Stabilization Fund	
4	$125,000.00		$125,000.00
TOTAL	$575,217.12	**$450,217.12**	**$125,000.00**

Adjourned 7:20PM

Attest:
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 13, 2019 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium FY20
Moderator – Joseph Bernard
Meeting called to order 7:43pm
Registered voters present 483 – (Quorum requires 75)
Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Thomas Stockton
Selectman Archie Archible presented the Belchertown Hometown Hero award to Donald R. Slessler
Selectman Archie Archible presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Keith Poulin.
Selectman Brenda Aldrich presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Belchertown Community Band.
Selectman Brenda Aldrich presented the Employee of the Year Award to Police Chief Christopher Pronovost.

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Linda Tsoumas as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mary Olberding for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:

- Assessors $17.50
- Board of Health Members $ 7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the

Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,121,348.00 and appropriate from Wetlands Hearings Fees Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $2,126,348.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,606,057.00 and appropriate the sum of $900,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $4,506,057.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,945,376.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $68,000.00, for a total appropriation of $30,013,376.00 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,346,880.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,923,704.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $155,078.00 for a total appropriation of $2,078,782.00 for the DPW-Highway, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $300,096.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $10,561.00, for a total appropriation of $310,657.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $165,694.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,624,305.00, for a total appropriation of $1,789,999.00, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $952,676.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes); (Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $854,750.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $817,341.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,129,753.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $898,502.00, for a total appropriation of $5,028,255.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,298.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,351,520.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 94, Revolving Funds, Section 94-2 relative to expenditures from the Town's revolving funds as follows:

Program or Purpose	Current Spending Limit	Amended Spending Limit
Firefighters' Protection Clothing & Equipment Purchase	$10.000	$15,000

And to add the following to the end of Section 94-2(B):

C. Which funds may be expended without further appropriation for the purposes defined therein, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, to increase the same; provided, however, that in accordance with state law, the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Finance Committee, may increase the limit for that fiscal year only.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

- In §91-6. Employee benefits; B. Benefits (1) Sick Leave. (f): Amend as set forth below with deletions in **~~bold/strikethrough~~** and replacement in **bold/underline,**

  (f) All regular employees covered by this chapter and meeting the following qualifications shall receive **~~$9~~ $12.00** per day for up to 180 days of unused accumulated sick leave in Belchertown during his/her final year.

- In Chapter *91, Attachment 1*, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan: Replace Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with new chart as follows:

Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020	
Director of Public Works	$90,857 - $115,984
Fire Chief	$90,857 - $115,984
Police Lieutenant	$79,591 - $ 92,051
Director of Information Technology	$75,715 - $ 96,653
Town Planner	$75,715 - $ 96,653
Town Treasurer-Collector	$72,109 - $ 92,051
Town Accountant	$72,109 - $ 92,051
Building Commissioner	$72,109 - $ 92,051
Director of Assessments	$72,109 - $ 92,051
Conservation Administrator	$69,336 - $ 88,511
Council on Aging Executive Director	$69,336 - $ 88,511
Director of Parks & Recreation	$69,336 - $ 88,511
Veterans' Agent	$66,669 - $ 85,106

- **Under Classified Nonexempt Employees**
  - **Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:** Amend as set forth below with deletion in **~~bold/strikethrough~~** and replacement in **bold/underline**

    -Assistant Animal Control Officer: **~~$3,600,~~ $2.50/hour on call pay and ~~plus~~** $25 per action

  - **Part-Time Hourly Schedule**
    -Change the following ranges for:

Position Title	**New Range**
Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employee	$11.00 - $16.00/hour
Water Safety Instructor Aide	$12.00 - $17.00/hour
Gym Monitor	$12.00 - $18.00/hour
Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employee	$12.00 - $18.00/hour
Lifeguards (Pool)	$12.00 - $18.00/hour
Lifeguards (Beach)	$12.00 - $18.00/hour
Swim Team Aide	$13.00 - $18.00/hour
Beach Shift Supervisor	$13.00 - $18.00/hour
Water Safety Instructor	$13.00 - $18.00/hour
DPW Laborer	$13.10 - $18.64/hour
Swim Team Assistant Coach	$14.00 - $19.00/hour
Beach Supervisor	$14.00 - $20.00/hour
Program Instructors (Aquatic, Lifeguard, etc.)	$14.00 - $20.00/hour
Swim Team Coach	$16.00 - $22.00/hour
Sports Official	$15.00 - $60.00/game

- **In Chapter 91, *Attachment 2*, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:**
  Remove the compensation chart effective July 1, 2018 to end June 30, 2019 and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2019 to end June 30, 2020

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	11.87	12.20	12.53	12.86	13.22	13.60	13.96	14.34	14.74	15.15
2	15.42	15.85	16.29	16.74	17.20	17.67	18.16	18.65	19.17	19.70
3	17.74	18.23	18.73	19.25	19.78	20.32	20.88	21.45	22.04	22.64
4	20.39	20.95	21.53	22.12	22.74	23.37	24.02	24.66	25.35	26.03
5	22.45	23.05	23.69	24.35	25.00	25.70	26.41	27.12	27.90	28.65
6	24.69	25.36	26.05	26.79	27.52	28.26	29.05	29.85	30.66	31.51
7	27.15	27.91	28.66	29.46	30.26	31.09	31.96	32.82	33.73	34.67
8	28.24	29.02	29.81	30.62	31.48	32.34	33.23	22.93	35.08	36.05
9	29.37	30.19	31.00	31.86	32.73	33.64	34.56	35.51	36.49	37.50
10	31.43	32.28	33.18	34.10	35.02	36.00	36.99	38.00	39.05	40.12

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes); (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000) and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, 8, 8C, G.L. Chapter 44B and/or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping what is known as the Chestnut Hill Recreation Area, approximately as shown on a plan of the recreation area on file with the Town Clerk and located on town-owned parcels of land on State St, said parcels containing a total of 10.8 acres of land, more or less, and identified on Assessors map 250 as lots 11 and 13, including, without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; provided, however, that no funds shall be expended until the Town of Belchertown has received a grant commitment or allocation for a portion of such costs under so-called PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) and/or the Small Communities Grant program for the foregoing project; (b) transfer the care, custody and control of the portions of the Chestnut Hill Recreation parcels shown on Assessors Map 250 as lots 11 and 13 from the Board of Selectmen for the purposes for which it is currently held, to Board of Selectmen for, and to dedicate said parcels to, park and active recreation purposes in perpetuity under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3, as shown on the plan on file at the Office of the Town Clerk; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program, the Small Communities Grant Program, and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project. Any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be applied to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes)

Motion made to move the question

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Voice count was too close to call, hand count called for by Moderator
After Yes hand counts counted (398), Moderated declared a 2/3rd majority and called the vote as passes without counting the No votes.

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $100,278.00 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of $50,000.00 to be used for operations, and the sum of $60,000.00 to be used for the purchase and installation of equipment and capital projects of the Belchertown Community Channel, and anything incidental or related thereto, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $74,922.00 to fund the capital and one-time expenses as set forth below, including all costs incidental or related thereto:

	Amount
LMH Auditorium acoustics	$25,000.00
Voter Booths	$13,222.00
Time/Accrual Scheduling Software & Equipment	$11,700.00
Cold Spring School – ADA Access to Playground	$25,000.00
Total:	$74,922.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 16 Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $4,000.00 to the Belchertown Cultural Council expense account.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to lease/purchase and equip a Department of Public Works one ton dump truck pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 6 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 18 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip Department of Public Works Maintenance Division tractor pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 11 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 19 Voted to authorize the School Department to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a School Department maintenance truck pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 20 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Senior Center van pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 9 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 21 Voted the Town modify its acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and establish the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation at $6,000 in value.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted the Town, pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, increase the real property tax exemption for individuals who have reached the age of 70 or older who meet certain ownership, occupancy, income and other requirements, to $1,000

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes); (Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten(10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020, with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling services for the Town, subject to the Board of Selectmen's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2020 for funding for these services.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 72-2, Posting of Warrants, as set forth below with additions shown in **bold/underline** and deletions shown in **~~bold/strikethrough~~**:,

§72-2 Posting of Warrants
Amended 5-11-1998 ATM by Art. 13; 5-13-2002 ATM by Art. 15
Notice of every Town Meeting ***and Election*** shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same on the ***Town's Website*** ~~official~~ ***and the second floor*** bulletin board in Lawrence Memorial Hall ~~and in at least six other places in town, which shall include bulletin boards located at the Old Town Hall on Park Street; at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road; at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road; at the intersection of Rockimmon Street and Turkey Hill Road; at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street; and at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street~~, not less than seven days before the day appointed for an Annual Town Meeting, ***Election or Primary***, not less than 14 days before the day appointed for a Special Town Meeting, and the return of the officer, stating the manner of notice, shall be endorsed on the warrant. (Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous - Yes)

Article 25 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 7.2 +/- acres of land located on Bardwell Street as shown on Assessor's Map 272 as Parcel 5 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 26 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 19.1 +/- acres of land located on Franklin Street as shown on Assessor's Map 272 as Parcel 68 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 27 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 7 +/- acres of land located on Railroad Street as shown on Assessor's Map 278 as Parcel 48 and Assessor's Map 281, Parcel 35 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 28 Did not vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 21 +/- acres on Ware Road as shown on Assessor's Map 245 as Parcel 62 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)
7 people requested a hand count. Results – Yes-172, No-243 does not pass

Article 29 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 5 +/- acres on North Washington Street as shown on Assessor's Map 256 as Parcel 27 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)
7 people requested a hand count. Results – Yes-241, No-172 passes

Article 30 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 10.7 +/- acres on Daniel Shays Highway as shown on Assessor's Map 226 as Parcel 45.01 on such terms and condition and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 31 Did not vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 48 +/- acres on Gulf Road as shown on Assessor's Map 215 as Parcels 5, 4, 21, 22 and 29 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes); (Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)

Article 32 Voted to delete §145-28 of the Zoning By-Law relative to Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations in its entirety and to replace it with a new §145-28 Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations as follows:

§145-28. Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations

A. Purpose. This bylaw is to regulate the development of Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations by providing standards for their placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modifications, and removal; to protect public health, safety or welfare in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3; to protect and preserve farmland, forests, and open space as promoted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to protect the scenic, natural, and historic resources of Belchertown; and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

A solar photovoltaic system that is for the exclusive purpose of providing electricity for a property that is primarily in agricultural use as defined under M.G.L. c. 40A, §3, and that produces electricity to be used solely for the benefit of the agricultural property is exempt.

B. Applicability. This bylaw applies to large-scale (minimum 250 kW rated nameplate capacity) solar photovoltaic installations constructed after the effective date of this bylaw. This bylaw also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. The requirements of this bylaw shall apply to a commercial solar photovoltaic installation regardless of whether it is the primary use of property or an accessory use.

(1) As-of-Right: The following commercial solar photovoltaic installations, as defined herein, are allowed as of right with site plan approval in all zoning districts:
  (a) Any such installation over parking lots;
  (b) Any such installation on existing structures.

(2) Special Permit: Any CSPI not specified in (1) requires a special permit in all zoning districts from the Planning Board. For all special permit applications, site plan approval as described below is required, but shall not require a second public hearing, per §145-27D(3)(a).

(3) Not Permitted: No commercial solar photovoltaic installation may be permitted as follows:
- (a) Any CSPI of greater than 20 acres in fenced array area.
- (b) Any CSPI requiring forest clearing greater than ten acres.
- (c) Any CSPI on slopes of 8% or greater as averaged over 50 horizontal feet; the Planning Board may consider waiving this up to 12% based on site-specific parameters.
- (d) Any CSPI on a parcel with inadequate frontage as defined in §145-2.

C. Definitions.

Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installation (CSPI): Any solar photovoltaic installation with 250 kW or greater rated nameplate capacity, even if its primary generation is not intended for supplying the grid.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the commercial solar photovoltaic installation in Direct Current (DC).

Site Plan Approval Authority: The site plan approval authority as designated by the Zoning Bylaw.

Solar Photovoltaic Array: an arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

D. Requirements.

(1) **Site Plan Approval.** The construction, installation or modification of a CSPI, whether as-of-right or by special permit, shall be subject to site plan approval in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw. Together with the requirements of §145-27, the Site Plan Approval Authority shall consider and apply the requirements set forth in this bylaw in reviewing and deciding an application for site plan approval.

- (a) General. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.
- (b) Required Documents. The project proponent shall provide the following documents:

[1] A site plan showing:

i. An existing conditions plan with property lines and physical features, including topography and roads, for the project site;

ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures, driveways, snow storage, and storm water management systems;

iii. Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;

iv. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;

v. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;

vi. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;

vii. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;

viii. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent; and

[2] Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site (item (2) below);

[3] An operation and maintenance plan (item (3) below);

[4] Proof of liability insurance; and

[5] Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 10(b);

[6] There shall be a fence surrounding the solar array and ancillary equipment.

The Site Plan Approval Authority may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate upon the written request of the applicant submitted with an application for approval.

(2) Site Control. The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or committed prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed CSPI.

(3) Operation & Maintenance Plan. The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the CSPI. This plan shall include measures to maintain safe access to the installation, storm water controls, and general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation. The development is subject to the Belchertown Stormwater bylaw and regulations.

(4) Utility Notification. No CSPI shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Site Plan Approval Authority that the utility company operating the electrical grid the installation is to be connected to has been informed of the CSPI owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(5) Dimension and Density Requirements.

(a) Setbacks

For all CSPI, front, side and rear yard setbacks shall be as follows:

[1] The front setback depth shall be at least 150 feet;
[2] The side setback depth shall be at least 75 feet;
[3] The rear setback depth shall be at least 75 feet;
[4] The setback from any developed residential property shall be at least 200 feet.

(b) Appurtenant Structures. All appurtenant structures to a CSPI shall be subject to the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation.

(6) Design Standards.

(a) Lighting. Lighting of CSPI shall be limited to night-time maintenance and inspections by authorized personnel, and shall comply with Dark Sky standards. There shall be no illumination without personnel on the site.

(b) Signage. A sign shall be erected identifying the owner and providing a 24-hour emergency contact phone number of the CSPI owner or operator. CSPIs shall not display any advertising. Any sign must comply with §145-22.

(c) Day-time Visual Distraction. The panel array shall be positioned to minimize glare on any residence or public way, and shall not create a visual obstruction on a public roadway, such as blocking intersections or creating blind curves.

(d) Utility Connections. Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from the CSPI underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

(7) Safety and Environmental Standards.

(a) Emergency Services. The CSPI owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and an approved site plan, to the local fire department and the Building Inspector. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan, which may include ensuring that emergency personnel have immediate, 24-hour access to the facility. All means of shutting down the CSPI shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation, and shall provide a mailing address and 24-hour telephone number for such person(s).

(b) Control of Vegetation and Animals, Including Insects. Herbicides, rodenticides, or any other pesticides may not be used to control vegetation or animals at a CSPI. In a dual-use CSPI, the agricultural operator, but not the CSPI operator, is exempt from this restriction.

(c) Project Visibility and Landscape Planting. A CSPI shall be designed to minimize its visibility, including preserving natural vegetation to the maximum extent possible, blending in equipment with the surroundings, adding vegetative buffers to provide an effective visual barrier from adjacent roads and driveways, and to screen abutting dwellings. The owner of the CSPI shall not remove any naturally occurring vegetation such as trees and shrubs unless it adversely affects the performance and operation of the solar installation. A diversity of plant species native to New England shall be used for any screens and vegetative erosion controls. Use of exotic plants, as identified by the most recent version of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is prohibited. If deemed necessary by the Planning Board, the depth of the vegetative screen shall be 30 feet and will be composed of native trees and shrubs staggered for height and density that shall be properly maintained. Cultivars of native plants are acceptable. The open area of the site shall be seeded with a pollinator mix and maintained as bird and insect habitat. Mowing is to be done as little as possible to retain a natural functioning of the landscape. Plants shall be maintained and replaced as necessary by the owner of the CSPI for the life of the CSPI.

(d) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion, and Wildlife Habitat. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the CSPI or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. A CSPI may not be constructed on slopes exceeding 8% except as expressly authorized pursuant to §145-28B(3)(c), nor may cutting and filling be done to reduce natural slopes. Existing root structures and topsoil shall be maintained to the maximum extent practicable and provide for a minimum of 6" of topsoil on all exposed areas.

(8) Mitigation Measures.

(a) Mitigation for Loss of Carbon Sequestration and Forest Habitat. If forestland is proposed to be converted to a CSPI, the plans shall designate an area of unprotected land (that is, land that could otherwise be developed under current zoning) on the parcel or block of contiguous parcels under common ownership that comprise the project site, and of a size equal to four times the total area of such forest conversion. Such designated land shall remain in substantially its natural condition without alteration except for routine forestry practices until such time as the CSPI is decommissioned and the site restored to forest. The special permit may be conditioned to effect and make enforceable this requirement.

(b) Mitigation for Loss of Forest Habitat within the Installation. If forestland is proposed to be converted to a CSPI, the plans shall show mitigation measures that create a wildflower meadow habitat within and immediately around the CSPI and a successional forest habitat in the surrounding areas managed to prevent shading until the installation is decommissioned and the site restored to forest. The special permit may be conditioned to effect and make enforceable this requirement.

(9) Monitoring and Maintenance.

(a) Construction Monitoring. The Site Plan Approval Authority may require a third-party inspector, selected by and acting under the direction of the Building Commissioner, to be employed to monitor compliance with all approvals and conditions during the CSPI's construction at the applicant's expense.

(b) Maintenance. The CSPI owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local emergency services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and all access roads that are not public ways.

(c) Annual Reporting. The owner or operator of a CSPI shall submit an annual report demonstrating and certifying compliance with the Operation and Maintenance Plan, the requirements of this bylaw, and approvals granted hereunder, including but not limited to continued management and maintenance of vegetation, compliance with the approved plans and any permit conditions, continuation of liability insurance, and adequacy of road access. The annual report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year and the amount of electricity generated by the facility. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board,

Fire Chief, Building Commissioner, Board of Health, and Conservation Commission (if a wetlands permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year.

(d) Modifications. All material modifications to a CSPI made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Site Plan Approval Authority.

(10) Discontinuance and Removal.

(a) Removal Requirements. Any CSPI, or any substantial part thereof, not used for a period of one continuous year or more without written permission from the Site Plan Approval Authority, or that has reached the end of its useful life, shall be considered discontinued and shall be removed. Upon written request from the Building Inspector, addressed to the contact address provided and maintained by the owner or operator as required above, the owner or operator shall provide evidence to the Building Inspector demonstrating continued use of the CSPI. Failure to provide such evidence within thirty days of such written request shall be conclusive evidence that the installation has been discontinued. Anyone intending to decommission and/or remove such an installation shall notify the Site Plan Approval Authority and Building Inspector by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. Removal shall consist of:

[1] Physical removal of all parts of and appurtenances to the CSPI, including structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines;

[2] Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations;

[3] Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Site Plan Approval Authority may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

[4] Any site that was deforested for the CSPI, per §145-28B(3)(b), shall be restored to encourage native tree growth, including the planting of seedlings, if necessary, to establish growth. The cost of plant replacement shall be incorporated into the financial surety stipulated in §145-28D(10)(b) below.

If the owner or operator of the CSPI fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section, the town shall have the right, to the extent it is otherwise duly authorized by law, to enter the property and physically remove the installation at the expense of the owner of the installation and the owner(s) of the site on which the facility is located. The Town may use the financial surety as stipulated in §145-28D(10) (b), below for this purpose.

(b) Financial Surety. Proponents seeking to construct and operate a CSPI shall provide to the Town, in a form determined by the Site Plan Approval Authority and prior to construction, a surety, through cash, an escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the CSPI and remediate the landscape, including reforestation. The amount and form of such surety shall be determined by the Site Plan Approval Authority. This surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

After much discussion a motion was made to move the question.

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
(Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)
(Main Article Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 33 **Citizen Petition:** Voted for the following resolution:

A Resolution

Calling for The US to Join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons cannot be used without catastrophic humanitarian consequences that violate every principle of international law and human morality; and

WHEREAS, the continued existence of these weapons poses an intolerable risk to human survival, since they can be detonated by accident as well as by design; and

WHEREAS, the United States, together with Britain, France, Russia and China, signed and ratified a legally binding commitment more than 50 years ago to negotiate "in good faith" and "at an early date" the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice ruled, in their 1996 Advisory Opinion on the Legality of Nuclear Weapons, that the legally binding commitment to negotiate means "bringing those negotiations to a successful conclusion;" and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the United States, together with Britain, France, Russia and China gave an "unequivocal undertaking" to 187 other nations that they would fulfill their commitment to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, 122 nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, making it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, possess, stockpile, transfer, use, or threaten to use nuclear weapons[1]; and

WHEREAS, once this Treaty enters in force, it will be illegal in all countries who are party to this Treaty to assist, encourage or induce, in any way, anyone to engage in any activity prohibited by the Treaty; and

WHEREAS, more and more countries will continue to sign and ratify this Treaty, including sooner or later many key allies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this means that the United States will find it increasingly difficult to develop, manufacture, deploy or justify its continued dependence on nuclear weapons.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the residents of Belchertown call on the [selectboard] to take all necessary steps to align Belchertown with the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Belchertown calls upon our federal leaders to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to invite the other nuclear armed nations to do likewise, leading to an agreed multilateral pathway for the elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Belchertown calls upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to align with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by setting up, as a first step, a Citizens Commission to look into the implications of doing so, as per bills HD.3477 and SD.1688, currently before the State Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by affirming back from the Brink – The Call to Prevent Nuclear War:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to U.S. Congressman James McGovern, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward Markey, and President Donald J. Trump,

[1]http://www.icanw.org/treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 34 Voted to adopt General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2, and create a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2020.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous - Yes)

Article 35 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 112, Stormwater management as follows:

§112-10 Stormwater Utility Bylaw

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SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. Title
This By-Law shall be known as the Stormwater Utility By-Law of the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as "this by-law."

1.2. Responsibility for Administration
The Board of Selectmen shall administer, implement, and enforce this by-law. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board may be delegated in writing by the Board of Selectmen to its employees or agents.

1.3. Purpose
The purpose of this By-law is to provide a framework for the administration of the Town's public Stormwater Management program. It shall be funded by revenue collected through the Stormwater Utility fee and such other revenue as may, from time to time, be appropriated. This bylaw shall enable the Town to protect its interests in flood control; storm damage prevention; and prevention of pollution, through the Town's activities to maintain, repair, and replace stormwater management systems it owns, controls, or maintains, in order to: promote the health and safety of the public; protect property from flooding and the damage caused by stormwater runoff; protect and manage water quality by controlling the level of pollutants in stormwater runoff and the flow of water as conveyed by manmade and by natural stormwater management systems and facilities; and maintain compliance with the requirements of external agencies.

SECTION 2.0 AUTHORITY

This by-law is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment Article 89 to Article 2 of the Massachusetts Constitution (the Home Rule Amendment), Massachusetts General Law Chapter 83, and such other powers as granted to cities and towns in said General Laws.

The Board of Selectmen may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw after conducting a public hearing to receive comments. Such hearing dates shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation, at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. Failure by the Board of Selectmen to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this By-Law.

SECTION 3.0 DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this by-law, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) *Credit* means a reduction in the amount of a Stormwater Utility fee charged to the owner of a particular property where that property owner owns, maintains and operates on-site or off-site stormwater management systems or facilities, or provides services or activities that reduce or mitigate the Town's cost of providing stormwater management services, in accordance with the Town's approved credit policy.
(2) *Developed* means property altered from its natural state by construction or installation of greater than or equal to five hundred (500) square feet of impervious surfaces.
(3) *Stormwater management systems and facilities* mean those natural and manmade channels, swales, ditches, rivers, streams, creeks, branches, reservoirs, ponds, drainage ways, inlets, catch basins, pipes, headwalls, storm sewers, outfalls and other physical works, properties and improvements which transfer, control, convey, detain, retain, treat or otherwise influence the movement of stormwater runoff.
(4) *General Laws* means the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
(5) *Impervious surface* means any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Common impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to: roads; and ways; parking lots; rooftops; buildings or structures, including solar panels; sidewalks; walkways, driveways; gravel travel ways; patio areas, decks, and other surfaces which prevent or impede the natural infiltration of stormwater runoff which existed prior to development.
(6) *Stormwater means* surface water that results from precipitation and that travels over natural or developed land surfaces to discharge into a drainage system or surface water body. Stormwater includes stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.
(7) *Stormwater management services* means all services provided by the Town which relate to:

(a) Transfer, control, conveyance or movement of stormwater runoff through the Town;
(b) Maintenance, repair and replacement of stormwater management systems and facilities owned, controlled, or maintained by the Town;
(c) Planning, development, design and construction of additional stormwater management systems and facilities to meet current and anticipated needs;
(d) Regulation, oversight, and enforcement of the use of stormwater management services, systems and facilities;
(e) Compliance with applicable local, state, and federal stormwater management regulations and permit requirements including, but not limited to, public education and outreach. Stormwater management services may address the quality of stormwater runoff as well as the quantity thereof.

(8) *Stormwater Utility fee* means the periodic user fee imposed pursuant to this by-law by the Town of Belchertown which will be dedicated to the provision of public stormwater management services.
(9) *Undeveloped land* means all land that is not altered from its natural state to an extent that results in greater than five hundred (500) square feet of impervious surface area.

SECTION 4.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND ENTERPRISE FUND ESTABLISHED; BILLING; DEPOSIT TO STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

(a) Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 83, Section 16, the Town hereby establishes a charge for the use of the stormwater management services of the Town to be known as the Stormwater Utility fee. Stormwater charges shall be established such that they will provide sufficient funds, proportionately calculated and assessed, to construct, operate, maintain, and regulate the stormwater management systems and facilities in the Town of Belchertown.
(b) The Stormwater Utility fee is assessed to each developed parcel, whether occupied or not. The fee shall be calculated on an annual basis and billed to the record title owner of the property.
(c) The Town shall establish a dedicated Stormwater Enterprise Fund in the Town budget and an accounting system for the purpose of managing all funds collected for the purposes and responsibilities of the stormwater program. All revenues and receipts of the Stormwater Utility shall be placed in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, which shall be separate from all other funds, and only expenses of the stormwater program shall be paid by the fund (as provided in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2).
(d) Expenditure of funds may consider both stormwater quality and quantity management needs and can be used as described in Section 7.0.
(e) The Town Accountant, under the general supervision of the Board of Selectmen, shall within forty-five (45) days after the close of each fiscal year, prepare an annual report of the change in cash balances which shall detail the cash receipts and disbursements for the year and which shall be submitted to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 5.0 RATES

(a) The Board of Selectmen shall establish reasonable rates to defray the cost of administering and implementing the stormwater management program of the Town. The initial rates, and any later modifications, shall be based upon recommendation of staff and shall be set by the adoption of a Stormwater Fee Schedule by vote of the Board of Selectmen. The schedule of said rates shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown.
(b) The billing rate structure shall consist of a uniform flat rate based on billing units of 1,000 square feet of impervious area on a developed parcel).
(c) Impervious area per parcel is determined by the Town of Belchertown by utilizing available GIS data layers to calculate the area of building footprints, building structures, driveways, pathways, sport courts, parking areas, and other impervious surfaces. Any impervious areas within the town-owned right-of-way will not be attributed to the parcel and will not be considered as part of the total impervious area of the parcel.

SECTION 6.0 SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES

(a) The Town owns or otherwise has rights which allow it to operate, maintain, improve and access those stormwater management systems and facilities which are located:

(1) Within public road rights-of-way;
(2) On private property but within easements granted to, and accepted by, the Town of Belchertown, or are otherwise permitted to be located on such private property by written agreements for rights-of-entry, rights-of-access, rights-of-use or such other lawful means to allow for operation, maintenance, improvement and access to the stormwater management system facilities located thereon;
(3) On public land which is owned by the Town and/or land of another governmental entity upon which the Town has agreements providing for the operation, maintenance, improvement and access to the stormwater management systems and facilities located thereon.

(b) Operation, maintenance and/or improvement of stormwater management systems and facilities which are located on private or public property not owned by the Town, and for which the Town lacks a lawful right of entry, shall be and remain the legal responsibility of the property owner, except as otherwise provided for by local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 7.0 PURPOSES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY FUND

Receipts from the Stormwater Utility fee shall be used to provide stormwater management services as defined in Section 1.3 of this bylaw and may also include the following:

(a) The acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation of real and personal property, and interests therein, necessary to construct, operate, and maintain stormwater management systems and facilities;
(b) All costs of administration and implementation of the stormwater management program, including the cost of labor and equipment attributable to the stormwater management program and the establishment of reasonable operating and capital reserves to meet unanticipated or emergency stormwater management requirements;
(c) Payment on principal and interest on debt obligations;
(d) Engineering and design, debt service and related financing expenses, construction costs for new facilities (including costs for contracted services) and enlargement or improvement or existing facilities;
(e) Operation and maintenance of the stormwater system, including catch basin cleaning, ditch maintenance, street sweeping, pipe repairs, and stormwater facility repairs;
(f) Capital investments including stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and components (e.g., purchase of plants, soils, and other amenities to support stormwater management alternatives utilizing vegetation);
(g) Illicit discharge detection and elimination;
(h) Monitoring, surveillance, and inspection of stormwater control devices;
(i) Water quality monitoring and water quality programs;
(j) Retrofitting developed areas for pollution control;
(k) Inspection and enforcement activities;
(l) Billing and related administrative costs; and
(m) Other activities which are reasonably necessary to properly manage the stormwater system, including costs related to regulatory compliance.

SECTION 8.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE EXEMPTIONS

(a) The Town of Belchertown finds that all developed property in the Town contributes to runoff and either uses or benefits from the maintenance of the stormwater system. Therefore, except as provided in this section or otherwise provided by law, no developed public or private property located in the Town shall be exempt from the Stormwater Utility fee charges. No exception, credit, offset, or other reduction in stormwater utility fee charges shall be granted based on age, tax status, economic status, race, religion or other condition unrelated to the cost of providing stormwater management services and facilities.

(b) The Town establishes exemptions to the Stormwater Utility fee as follows:

(1) *Undeveloped* land.

(2) Railroad rights-of-way (tracks). However, railroad stations, maintenance buildings, and/or other developed property used for railroad purposes shall not be exempt from Stormwater Utility fee charges.

(3) Unpaved farm or logging roads that access land used for tilling, planting or harvesting of agricultural, horticultural, or forest crops.

(4) Public streets, highways and rights-of-way. However, maintenance buildings and/or other developed property used for road maintenance purposes shall not be exempt from Stormwater Utility fee charges. All other State, Federal, and County properties are subject to the user fee charges on the same basis as private properties.

SECTION 9.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE CREDITS

The Board of Selectmen or their designee is hereby authorized to grant credits to property owners to be applied against the Stormwater Utility fee based on the technical and procedural criteria set forth in the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual (Credit Manual) to be developed, maintained and, from time to time, amended by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 10.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE BILLING, DELINQUENCIES, COLLECTIONS

(a) Stormwater utility fees shall be committed to the Tax Collector for collection by the authorizing board pursuant to General Laws Chapter 83, Section 16. Notification of fees assessed under the Stormwater utility system shall be provided to the property owner, as identified from public records of the Town of Belchertown, in the form of an annual bill. The Tax Collector shall collect and maintain an accurate accounting of all paid and unpaid Stormwater utility bills.

(b) Failure to receive a Stormwater Utility bill is not justification for non-payment. The property owner, as identified from public records of the Town of Belchertown, shall be obligated to pay the appropriate Stormwater Utility fee for that property. If a property is unbilled, or if no bill is sent for a particular parcel of developed land, the Town may back bill for the fees as applicable for a period not to exceed one year of charges. No late fee or interest penalty shall be charged on said omitted bill as long as payment is received on or before the established due date.

(c) Payment of annual Stormwater utility fee bills shall be due and payable on or before the thirtieth (30) day from the postmark without penalty. Interest on any unpaid bill at a rate of fourteen percent (14%) will be charged in accordance with Chapter 83, Section 16 of Massachusetts General Laws. Charges for the Stormwater utility fee, together with interest thereon and any costs relative thereto, shall be a lien upon the real estate for which the charge was billed. Such lien shall take effect by operation of law on the day immediately following the due date of such charge and, unless dissolved by payment or abatement, shall continue until such charge has been added to or committed as a tax in accordance with the requirements of Section 16C of Chapter 83 of the General laws, and thereafter, unless so dissolved, shall continue as provided in Section 37 of Chapter 60 of the said General Laws.

(d) In addition to the method of collection specified in Sections 16A through 16F of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, the overdue charge may be collected through any other lawful means.

SECTION 11.0 ABATEMENTS AND APPEALS AND HEARINGS

(a) An owner of real estate aggrieved by a charge imposed pursuant to this Bylaw may apply for an abatement thereof by filing a written petition with the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of issuance of the bill, as provided in Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws. If the Board of Selectmen finds that such charge is more than is properly due, a reasonable abatement shall be made. The provisions of this paragraph shall only apply if the fee is not paid by the date due and a lien is imposed in accordance with Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws.

(b) As an alternative to the abatement procedure set forth in Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, a property owner who believes the Stormwater utility fee is more than properly due, may, within sixty (60) days from the date of issuance of the Stormwater utility bill, said owner may apply to the Board of Selectmen or their designee, in writing, for abatement. The application for abatement shall be supported by such information as is necessary for the Board of Selectmen or their designee to conclude that the fee was not properly calculated or assessed. The Board shall render a written decision on the application, granting the abatement, in whole or in part, or denying the abatement. .The provisions of this and the following paragraph shall only apply if the fee has been paid in full prior to its due date.

(c) In the event that a property owner is aggrieved by a written decision from the Board of Selectmen or their designee denying an application for abatement in whole or in part, or denying an application for a credit, in whole or in part, the property owner shall have sixty (60) days from the date of the written decision to request a hearing by the Board of Selectmen or their designee. The request shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds thereof. Upon the filing of a request for hearing, the Board shall set a date for hearing and notice thereof setting forth the place, date and time of hearing shall be sent to the property owner no less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. The Board shall render a written decision after the conclusion of the hearing, affirming the action or reversing the action. If reversing the denial of an abatement, the decision shall specify the sum to be abated, which shall not exceed the amounts paid. If reversing the denial of a credit, the decision shall specify the credit to be applied prospectively against future charges unless the property owner has paid the full amount of the Stormwater Utility fee as charged and has also requested an abatement.

(d) If an abatement of the whole or a portion of a fee paid is abated in accordance with the previous sections, the property owner shall be given a credit on future bills until the abatement is fully realized. In the event it is determined that the property owner is not subject to the fee, the owner shall be given a full refund.

SECTION 12.0 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this by-law shall not invalidate any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination that previously has been issued.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous - Yes)

Article 36 **Citizen Petition**:

Did not vote to require the DPW to paint yellow lines on paved through roads less than 16' in width; to return lines where they existed previously; and/or are faint and barely visible; and to maintain said lines as necessary on an annual review. Such funds to come from General Funds of the Town of Belchertown,

Motion made and seconded to change "through roads less than" to "through roads greater than"
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority – Yes)
(Not approved by Finance Committee)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)

Article 37 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $2,500 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2020; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $29,422.00 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- $29,422.00 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- $29,422 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

and, further, appropriate and transfer $65,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 of the May 9, 2016 Annual Town meeting.
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 38 Voted to appropriate and transfer $9,975.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 39 Voted to appropriate and transfer $10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the rehabilitation of the South Cemetery and Lake Vale Cemeteries, including a field survey, installing bounds and pins, and ascertaining the exact location of burial spaces, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 40 Voted to appropriate and transfer $37,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve for the purpose of acquiring, creating and/or supporting community housing by granting such funds to Wayfinders to provide first-time homebuyers earning no more than one hundred percent (100%) of the area median income with assistance with down-payments and/or closing costs to enable such buyers to purchase homes, pursuant to a grant agreement with Wayfinders, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, which may include granting an affordable housing restriction to the Town, and if applicable, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an affordable housing restriction on said homes.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 41 Voted to appropriate and transfer $4,700.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve for the preservation of open space and the rehabilitation of recreational resources by installing 2 flow devices within a roadway culvert to maintain the water level between Lake Arcadia, Lake Metacomet and Holland Pond, which will improve and protect wildlife habitat, biodiversity, water supply and water quality and replenish and stabilize drinking water aquifers, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Belchertown Lake Committee.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 42 Voted to amend the vote taken under Article 39 of the May 8, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which a sum of money was appropriated under the Community Preservation Program for the Belchertown Housing Authority Project, to change the funding source for said project from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance to the Community Preservation Act Community Housing Reserve, and to authorize the Town's financial staff to make appropriate accounting entries in connection therewith. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 43 Voted to appropriate and transfer $30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve Account for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic resources by removing two elevators and installing a new elevator at the historic parish house of the Belchertown United Church of Christ, thereby complying with the Americans for Disability Act and providing access to areas used by community groups, the food panty and related improvements pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown United Church of Christ, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, which *may include granting a historic preservation restriction to the* Town.

Motion made and seconded to fix a typographical error and replace the word "panty" with "pantry". (Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 44 Voted the Town adopt G.L. c.58 §8C, Affordable housing sites; abatement of real estate tax obligations, to permit the Town to enter into agreements for abatement of real estate taxes.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 45 Voted the Town amend the Code of Belchertown, by inserting a **new Chapter, Affordable Housing Tax Abatement**, as follows, and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign appropriate chapter and section numbers to bring the form of the bylaw into accord with the numbering system of the Town Code:

§ ___-1 Statutory Authority.
This chapter is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with G.L. c. 58, § 8C, which was accepted by the Town on May 13, 2019.

§___-2 Purpose.

This affordable housing tax abatement bylaw is enacted to encourage the development of affordable housing as defined in G.L. c. 60, § 1, or affordable housing and commercial sites ("Qualifying Sites").

§___-3 Qualifying Sites.

Qualifying Sites that may be the subject of a tax abatement under this chapter shall:

A. Be owned by a new owner ("Eligible Owner") who is not liable for any of the outstanding charges secured by the Town's lien; and

B. Be available for affordable housing or affordable housing and commercial uses under the Town's Zoning By-law, including any special permits or variances.

§___-4 Abatement Applications.

Any Eligible Owner may apply for an abatement under this chapter by obtaining an application for an affordable housing tax abatement from the Treasurer's office. Such application may require any information or documents that the Treasurer deems necessary to process the application.

§___-5 Abatement Agreements.

In accordance with the requirements of G.L. c. 58, § 8C, tax abatements granted under this chapter shall be pursuant to an agreement as set forth herein.

A. An Affordable Housing Tax Abatement Review Committee ("Committee") is hereby established and authorized to negotiate agreements for the abatement of real estate taxes ("Abatement Agreements") with Eligible Owners for qualifying sites, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall consist of the Assessor, the Treasurer, the Town Planner, and a member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

B. Abatement Agreements may provide for reductions up to 75% of the outstanding real estate taxes and up to 100% of the outstanding interest and/or penalties on the Qualifying Site.

C. Abatement Agreements shall include, but not be limited to, terms addressing the following:

(1) The amount of outstanding real estate taxes;
(2) The interest to accrue, if any;
(3) The amount of monthly payments;
(4) The commencement date for such monthly payments;
(5) The date of final payment;
(6) The late penalties to be imposed;
(7) The number of affordable units;
(8) Any and all other terms of repayment and any other terms negotiated by the Committee and the Eligible Owner and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

D. Copies of all Abatement Agreements shall be:
(1) Signed by the Board of Selectmen and the Eligible Owner, whose signatures shall be notarized;
(2) Attested to by the Town Clerk;
(3) Approved as to compliance with this chapter by the Treasurer;
(4) Provided to the Eligible Owner, the Board of Selectmen, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue;
(5) Maintained in the Treasurer's office and the Assessor's office.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 10:58pm

Attest:
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2019 - FY20

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATIO	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATI	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases	**$100.00**	$100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**$30,000.00**	$30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**$5,000.00**	$0.00				$5,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Ac
	None		$0.00				
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	**$2,126,348.00**					
	1. Moderator, Salary		$0.00				
	Expenses		$0.00				
	2. Board of Selectmen - Salary		$10,200.00				
	Expenses		$4,966.00				
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		$128,700.00				
	Wages		$138,250.00				
	Expenses		$9,069.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		$87,460.00				
	Wages		$122,050.00				
	Expenses		$26,950.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		$80,240.00				
	Wages		$69,160.00				
	Expenses		$10,827.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		$87,460.00				
	Wages		$195,560.00				
	Expenses		$54,785.00				
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		$97,400.00				
	Wages		$92,250.00				
	Expenses		$219,606.00				
	8. Board of Assessors		$0.00				
	Assessors (Elected)		$3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		$87,460.00				
	Wages		$242,000.00				
	Expenses		$19,880.00				
	Field Review Update		$0.00				
	9. Law Account, Fees		$85,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		$0.00				
	Expenses		$250.00				
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		$500.00				
	Wages		$24,100.00				
	Expenses		$15,500.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		$86,980.00				
	Wages		$16,100.00				
	Expenses		$3,180.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		$2,300.00				
	Board of Appeal, Expenses		$450.00				
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		$375.00				
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		$100.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		$1,500.00				
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		$500.00				

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ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATIO	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATI	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		$71,570.00				$5,000 from Wetlands Hearings Fees Account to the Conservation Comm. Salary Account
	Wages		$8,170.00				
	Expenses		$3,000.00				
	18A. Lakes Committee, Expenses		$14,000.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY	**$4,506,057.00**					
	19. Police Department, Salary		$231,187.00				
	Wages		$1,801,148.00				
	Expenses		$370,576.00				
	20. Fire Department, Salary		$107,250.00				
	Wages		$444,830.00				$900,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		$320,126.00				
	21. Injured on Duty, Expenses		$8,000.00				
	22. Hydrant Service, Expenses		$27,856.00				
	23. Dog Officer Salary		$55,100.00				
	Wages		$36,285.00				
	Expenses		$14,425.00				
	24. Inspection Services, Salary		$85,120.00				
	Wages		$86,950.00				
	Expenses		$15,644.00				
	25. Civil Defense, Wages		$350.00				
	Expenses		$1,210.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	**$30,013,376.00**					
	26. Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		$27,750,296.00			$68,000.00	
	Transport & Fixed Assets		$2,195,080.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**$1,346,880.00**					
	27. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		$1,346,880.00				
	DPW – Highways	**$2,078,782.00**					
	28. Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		$0.00			$116,350.00	
	Wages		$758,774.00			$38,728.00	
	Uniforms		$14,500.00				
	Expenses		$1,200.00				
	29. Highway Admin., Expenses		$20,570.00				
	30. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		$242,000.00				
	31. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		$184,500.00				
	32. Hired Services, Expenses		$342,000.00				
	33. Street Lighting, Expenses		$32,200.00				
	34. Streets/Construction, Expenses		$160,900.00				
	35. Professional Engineering, Expenses		$130,000.00				
	36. Town Garage, Expenses		$37,060.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	37. Transfer Station (Total)	**$2,100,656.00**					
	Wages		$0.00				$90,500 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$209,596 from Landfill Receipts, $10,561 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day		$0.00				
	38. Sewer Enterprise Fund, Wages		$0.00				$163,706 from Sewer Receipts, $165,694 from Sewer Free Cash

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ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATIO	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATI	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	Expenses		$0.00				$938,225 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt		$0.00				$460,346 from Sewer Receipts,
	Maturing Debt Interest		$0.00				$42,028 from Sewer Reciepts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**$952,676.00**					
	39. Board of Health, Salary		$2,825.00				
	Wages		$35,500.00				
	Expenses		$8,066.00				
	40. Council on Aging, Salary		$78,240.00				
	Wages		$424,600.00				
	Expenses		$49,890.00				
	41. Veterans Services						
	Agent Salary		$78,700.00				
	Wages		$850.00				
	Expenses		$2,080.00				
	Veterans Benefits		$241,000.00				
	42. Veterans Graves - Expenses		$2,625.00				
	43. DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		$28,200.00				
	44. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	**$854,750.00**					
	45. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		$85,120.00				
	Wages		$310,450.00				
	Expenses		$129,245.00				
	46. Parks and Recreation, Salary		$79,990.00				
	Wages		$208,360.00				
	Expenses		$6,040.00				
	47. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		$33,125.00				
	48. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		$2,420.00				
	49. Family Center, Expenses		$0.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**$817,341.00**					
	50. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		$414,600.00				
	Expenses		$87,420.00				
	51. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		$56,070.00				
	52. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		$5,550.00				
	53. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		$600.00				
	54. DPW-Finnerty House		$7,930.00				
	55. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		$7,425.00				
	56. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		$49,720.00				
	57. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		$20,150.00				
	58. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		$51,970.00				
	59. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		$7,210.00				
	60. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		$18,940.00				
	61. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		$40,790.00				
	62. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		$10,700.00				
	63. DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		$27,341.00				
	64. Animal Control Building		$10,925.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	**$5,028,255.00**					
	65. General Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$403,380.00		
	66. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$15,000.00		

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ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATIO	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATI	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	68. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		$0.00		$8,000.00		
	69. Health Insurance, Expenses		$819,498.00		$472,122.00		
	70. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		$4,548.00				
	71. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		$125,000.00				
	72. Pensions, Expenses		$3,180,707.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	$60,298.00					
	73. Historical Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	74. Historical District, Expenses		$348.00				
	75. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		$300.00				
	76. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		$2,000.00				
	77. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		$57,150.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	$2,351,520.00					
	78. Interest, Expenses		$376,520.00				
	79. Maturing Debt, Expenses		$1,975,000.00				
10 - 11	None						
12	Chestnut Hill Recreation Area (Planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping	$1,500,000.00		$1,500,000.00			
13	Payment for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits)	$100,278.00			$100,278.00		
14	**Belchertown Community Channel**	$110,000.00					
	1. Operations		$0.00				$50,000 from PEG Access Cable Related Fund
	2. Purchase and installation of equipment and capital projects		$0.00				$60,000 from PEG Access Cable Related Fund
15	Capital Projects	$74,922.00					
	LMH Auditorium accoustics		$0.00			$25,000.00	
	Voter Booths		$0.00			$13,222.00	
	Time/Accrual Scheduling Software & Equip		$0.00			$11,700.00	
	Cold Spring School - ADA Access to Playground		$0.00			$25,000.00	
16	**Belchertown Cultural Council**	$4,000.00					
	1. Expense		$0.00		$4,000.00		
17-36	None						
37	Community Preservation Admin Expense	$2,500.00					$2,500.00 from FY20 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	$29,422.00					$29,422 from FY20 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	$29,422.00					$29,422 from FY20 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	$29,422.00					$29,422 from FY20 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Pay CPA debt service on bonds voted under Art. 23 @ May 9, 2016 Annual Town Mtg	$65,500.00					$65,500.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
38	Grave stone preservation and restoration at Mt. Hope Cemetery	$9,975.00					$9,975.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve
39	Rehabilitation of the South Cemetery and Lake Vale Cemetery	$10,000.00					$10,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve
40	Aquiring, creating and/or supporting community housing by granting such funds to Wayfinders to provide first-time homebuyers earning no more than 100% of the area median income with assistance with down-payments and/or closing costs	$37,000.00					$37,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve
41	Installation of 2 flow devices within a roadway culvert to maintain the water level between Lake Arcadian, Lake Metacomet and Holland Pond	$4,700.00					$4,700 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve
42	none						
43	Removal of 2 elevators and installation of a new elevator at the historic parish house of the Belchertown United Church of Christ	$30,000.00					$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve Account
44	none						
45	none						
TOTAL		$54,309,180.00	$48,139,803.00	$1,500,000.00	$1,002,780.00	$298,000.00	$3,368,597.00
	Attest:						
	Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk						

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Accountant's Office – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0410
Animal Control Department, 165 George Hannum Road	413-519-1754
Assessors, Board of – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0413
Clapp Memorial Library – 19 South Main Street	323-0417
BCTV – 64 State Street	323-8665
IT (Computing) Department – Tadgell Building, 7 Berkshire Avenue	323-0451
Conservation Commission – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (1st floor)	323-0405
Department of Public Works – 290 Jackson Street	323-0415
Fire Rescue – 10 North Main Street	323-7571
Health, Board of – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (1st floor)	323-0406
Housing Authority – Everett Acres, 41 Everett Avenue	323-4064
Inspection Services – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0402
Planning Board – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0407
Police Department (Business) – 70 State Street	323-6685
Recreation Department – 66 State Street, #1	323-0419
Schools	
Belchertown School's Central Office – 14 Maple Street	323-0423
Chestnut Hill Community School – 59 State Street	323-0437
Cold Spring School – 57 South Main Street	323-0428
High School – 142 Springfield Road	323-9419
Jabish Brook Middle School – 62 North Washington Street	323-0433
Swift River Elementary School – 57 State Street	323-0471
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District – 240 Sykes Street, Palmer	283-9701
Selectmen, Board of and Town Administrator – The Finnerty House One South Main Street	323-0403
Senior Center – 60 State Street	323-0420
Town Clerk – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0281
Treasurer-Collector – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (2nd floor)	323-0400
Veterans' Services – Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street (1st floor)	323-0409
Water District – 206 Jabish Street (***not part of Belchertown's government***)	323-6987

December, 2019

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